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COMMENT OF THE DAY

No Easy Path

NONE will envy Mr R. A. Butler his current formidable task of preparing Britain's next budget. He is beset by bewildering problems, paramount among them being to find ways and means of achieving economic solvency and at the same time fulfilling rearmament obligations. Many of the Government's proposals for dealing with the nation's disordered affairs are bound to be controversial; wherefore, any appeal from Government spokesmen for "a lull in party politics" would be nothing but wishful thinking and would assuredly be regarded by the Opposition as a crude attempt to dodge unpleasant Parliamentary consequences. Mr Churchill, himself, has said plainly enough that the Government will take all the measures it deems necessary, however unpopular they may be. Some of these measures, already announced or put in train, especially those directed at the Health Service, have proved unpopular, even among Government backbenchers who have had unhappy contact with their constituents. In almost every decision arrived at for easing the financial strain on the national economy a good or plausible case could be made, and has indeed already been made, for opposing it. Nevertheless the Government cannot afford to lose sight for one moment of the hard realities of the country's economic chaos, nor would it be fulfilling its duty to the nation to adopt a so-called "popular" policy that would eventually prove itself harmful as well as impractical.

HUMAN nature being what it is, and politicians what they cannot help being, it is too much to suppose that the Opposition, while giving voice to the need for saving the country, will officiously strive to save the Government from unpopularity, or fail to express vehemently the discontent and the sense of hardship or injustice that really stringent action over a wide field must make inevitable. There will be no cooling of the doves on the Opposition benches when the Chancellor of the Exchequer presents his super-austerity Budget. On the contrary, and notwithstanding memories of the harsh budgetary policies of their own Chancellors, Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. Gaitskell, the Socialists will do their utmost to discredit whatever new austerity measures Mr. Butler has in mind. The Prime Minister and his colleagues will need all their powers of persuasion and all the courage and resolution they can command if they are to drive their proposals through to acceptance and achievement. The alternative would be the fall of the Administration—but no solution.

Angry Family Protest GI's Prison Sentence

Alloway, New Jersey, Feb. 28. The angry family and friends of a 19-year-old soldier today accused the Army of sentencing him to 10 years in prison for falling asleep on guard duty in Korea after he had gone without sleep for three days.

Corsy McConnell, father of Warren McConnell, said the way his son explained the incident in a letter after the court martial convicted him the Army was being too harsh. Neighbours of the McConnells met in a rally in the local firehouse, backed the father fully and demanded a full explanation from the Army.

In Washington, an Army spokesman said the private was given a fair trial and convicted by court martial on December 10 of sleeping at his post in the front lines on November 14.

The soldier, who is serving his sentence in Leavenworth, California, may appeal to the U.S. Military Court of Appeals within 30 days. The sentence was upheld by the Army Judge Advocate General Board of Review on February 6.

CRITICAL TEST FOR M. FAURE 20 Confidence Votes Involved

Paris, Feb. 28. Premier Edgar Faure's Government faces its most critical test tonight. The unprecedented number of 20 confidence votes will be taken on the 1952 Budget Bill.

Reliable Parliamentary quarters believe that Gaullists and Communists and about 30 Moderate Conservatives and Radicals, altogether about 250 Deputies, will line up against the Government, and probably Popular Republicans and Socialists and about 50 Moderate Conservatives and Radicals, altogether about 270, will support it.

Thus the Government's life might depend on the vote of about 100 Moderate Conservatives and Radicals in this crucial endeavour to balance a record Budget of 3,620,000 million francs to fulfil the French contribution to Western defence.

Appealing to Moderate Conservatives and Radicals, who pledged themselves at the General Elections last summer to oppose any tax increases, M. Faure has said that France "had to foot the bill" to meet its obligations towards Western defence effort and because Parliament had already committed itself on expenditure for this year.

M. Faure has also tried hard to obtain Socialist support by dropping a Budget which would have slowed down capital expenditure and reconstruction in France and saved the Government 54,000 million francs.

ISSUES AT STAKE

M. Faure agreed this question would be considered later.

The first of the confidence votes are unlikely to be taken before 2 a.m. GMT (10 a.m. Friday, Hongkong time) or 3 a.m. GMT (11 a.m. Friday, Hongkong time), but the final debate will start at 8 p.m. GMT.

Four of the votes are on proposals for economies in operating the state railways to limit their deficit. Then come two votes on the proposed reduction of the deficit of the Social Security organization, of which the vote is to increase employers' contributions by one per cent.

Ten votes will follow (7-10) on increase of taxation, tightening up tax control and suppressing fraud.

Of these ten, the two key votes provide for a 15 per cent increase in most taxes and a six per cent increase in the Companies Profits tax.

Then there will be two further votes on taxation, one (17) a proposal to reduce taxes on company stocks which left-wing Deputies oppose.

The other (18) is highly controversial because it proposes quicker payment of taxes.

Finally, two more votes: One (19) to approve the total of military credits amounting to 1,270,000 million francs; the other (20) to approve the whole of the present Bill.

The total military expenditure is 1,400,000 million francs, of which 130,000 million are covered by civil expenditure.—Reuter.

TREATY RATIFIED

Canberra, Feb. 28. The bill ratifying the Japanese Peace Treaty passed all stages in the House of Representatives early today amid scenes of wild disorder.

The Opposition Labour Party fought the bill up to the end, but Labour moves to have the bill postponed for six months to allow a public referendum on it failed.—Reuter.

Attlee Explains Secret Korea War Agreement

Disastrous Snow Storm

Boston, Feb. 28. At least five people have died and 150 highways are blocked as a result of the worst snowstorm in the annals of New England which has been sweeping the Southern part of that area since yesterday.

Drifts piling up before a fierce wind are three metres thick in some places. More than 1,000 motor cars have been abandoned by their owners on the roads while more than 10,000 houses are without heating, owing to breakdown of high tension wires under the weight of snow.—France-Press.

Peking Radio Promises 'Liberation' Of Formosa

Tokyo, Feb. 29. Red China today threatened anew to "liberate" Formosa, Chiang Kai-shek's island stronghold now screened by the United States Seventh Fleet.

A Peking Radio broadcast, monitored in Tokyo, said: "The Chinese people under Communist rule are not only adamantly determined to liberate Formosa by any means but are fully capable of actually liberating Formosa."

The veiled invasion threat was interpreted as an attempt to stampede the United Nations into a quick truce in Korea in order to "clear the decks" to repel aggression elsewhere.

Meanwhile, Allied and Communist sub-delegates met for the first time in 23 days today to wrestle with the prisoner exchange deadlock. At 11 a.m. Rear-Admiral R. E. Libby picked up where the Allied colonels had left off in the world war over the United Nations principle favouring voluntary repatriation—one of the three major obstacles to an armistice agreement.

DRAFT COMPLETED

The "kick and shovel" technicals of both sides yesterday completed a three-language draft embodying seven and a half points already agreed upon in 91 days of bargaining, but they parted on bitter terms.

Colonel James Murray of the Air Force told the Reds the Allies were prepared to hand over a "detailed accounting of 44,000 names" of reclassified Red prisoners on 12 hours' notice — if the Communists came through with information on 52,000 "they admitted to have captured but thus far have not accounted for."

The Reds merely replied with another attack on the United Nations for the Kojé Do prison camp riot. Col. Murray told them the Allies held themselves responsible to the world for what went on in the prison compounds but that it was none of the Communists' business.

More than 30 officers met in the adjoining room to resume another round of discussion on truce supervision. There was no progress yesterday on what "neutral" nations qualified for the Korean armistice inspection committee. The Reds still insisted the Allies should accept Russia and the UN refused. They also held out for five points while the Allies demanded six. Airfield construction was not discussed.—United Press.

VIRUS-CARRYING SUSPECT FOUND

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 28. Will Bruntjen, German immigrant sought as a possible carrier of foot and mouth disease, was found today in the Vancouver Immigration Office.

Bruntjen was recognized by a placement officer in the Immigration Bureau after the young immigrant had walked in to ask for work. He was taken to the headquarters of the Mounted Police, who asked Ottawa for further instruction.—United Press.

"NO DEPARTURE FROM GENERAL POLICY"

London, Feb. 28. The former Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, tonight told the story of Britain's secret agreement to sanction attacks on Chinese airfields if they were used for heavy air attacks on United Nations forces in Korea.

Mr Attlee hoped with his story to smother the bomb which the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, tossed into the Labour Party ranks two days ago when Mr Churchill revealed that the Labour government agreed to allow attacks outside the Korean theatre.

The announcement already had been a severe blow to the former Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, within the Party and a boost for the Party's Left Wing leader, Mr Aneurin Bevan. Mr Attlee's revelation threatened to blow Labour Party unity skyhigh.

CURFEW IN THREE PI TOWNS

Manila, Feb. 29. Armed forces will impose a curfew on three towns in Huk-ridden Pampanga province in Central Luzon, beginning tonight, in an effort to stop killings and kidnappings in that area, a Defence Department spokesman said today.

The curfew order, issued by the Defence Secretary, Mr Ramon Magsaysay, affects the towns of Angeles, Mangaling and Mexico, where Huk were believed to be mingling with the peaceful population. The curfew will be from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Angeles, which is near the United States Air Force base, Clark Field, was recently subjected by the Army to a mass screening and 41 alleged Huk were caught.

The curfew order apparently was prompted by the murder of eight persons in Pampanga in recent days. Two of the victims were wealthy landowners, Serafin Lazatin of San Fernando, and Toribio Bautista of Mexico.

SUFFICIENT TROOPS

The Defence Department spokesman said it was not considered necessary to impose a curfew on San Fernando, the provincial capital, "because we have enough troops there."

Mr Magsaysay, meanwhile, left his residence at Camp Murphy early today to meet an unidentified top-ranking Huk leader from Laguna province at an undisclosed rendezvous.

The Huk leader, who is reputed to have influence over some 8,000 dissidents, came to Manila on a safe-conduct from the Secretary obtained by Congressman Estanislao Fernandez of Laguna. The Secretary and the Huk leader are scheduled to discuss the amnesty for Huk, proposed by Mr Fernandez in a resolution filed recently in the House of Representatives.

Mr Fernandez told the United Press 95 per cent of the Huk in Laguna province were willing to accept an amnesty.—United Press.

Insurgents Loot Treasury

Rangoon, Burma, Feb. 28. A strong force of insurgents overran the Central Burma town of Myingyan today and looted the Treasury before being driven out by government forces. They took the District Superintendent of Police and his family as hostages.

The town's garrison, returning from an operation outside Myingyan, killed 20 of the rebels. While they were in the town, in Burma's main cotton growing district southwest of Mandalay, the rebels freed prisoners from the town's goal.—Associated Press.

VIEWPOINT SHARED

"From time to time, questions arose as to the conduct of operations in the Korean theatre of war and these were the subject of correspondence. Among them was the question of what action should be taken in the event of heavy air attacks being launched against the forces of the United Nations by aircraft from bases on the far side of the Yalu River. It was represented that where attacks of this kind took place it was unreasonable that the general officer commanding should be precluded from attacking these airfields."

The Labour Government agreed with this point of view and the Government of the United States were informed in these circumstances, after consultation of His Majesty's Government or, if time did not allow, with British liaison officers on the spot, that the general officer commanding should be permitted to attack those airfields from which attacks were being launched.

"It is obvious there was here no departure from the general policy of containing operations to the Korean theatre of war."—United Press.

SPLIT DENIED

London, Feb. 28. A spokesman of the Labour Party said today that the National Executive Committee of the Party which met yesterday did not discuss the trend of the foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Some newspapers had today stated that a statement prepared by the Party Executive on the Socialist foreign policy had been withheld because of a sudden rift between Labour's leadership and the Bonaville Left-wingers as an aftermath of Tuesday's debate.

The spokesman said, "The current stories of a split in the Labour Party as a result of Tuesday's debate in the Commons are entirely without foundation."

It is understood that the Executive Committee yesterday discussed the issue of German rearmament and the participation of British forces in the European army.—Reuter.

Fire Aboard Ship

South Portland, Feb. 28. The British collier, Ledesma, reported a fire aboard 50 miles south of Sea Island, Nova Scotia, today but the Coast Guard said it was in no immediate danger.

The Coast Guard cutter Yakutat left for the stricken vessel, which radioed for aid. The 415-foot Ledesma sailed yesterday from St John, New Brunswick, for England.—United Press.

Hawkers Return



"Whatever you want, Johnny, I've got," cries out the kerbside seller as rifle-carrying troops gather round in the hope of picking up a bargain. Absent since the abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, these Arab hawkers have returned to Fayid village. Wherever the British Serviceman in these parts goes his rifle is with him, as on shopping expeditions such as this.—London Express.

State Dept Happy About US-Japan Security Treaty

Washington, Feb. 28. The State Department today declared that agreement implementing the Japanese-American security treaty, just signed in Tokyo, was an "important step in the defence of peace and security in the Pacific area and in the steady progress of the democratic nations toward the system of collective security for peace and freedom which has been developing within the framework of the United Nations Charter."

The Department's statement reflected the belief of the American government that the Japanese-American security pact, together with the United States' other defence arrangements with the Philippines, New Zealand and Australia, constituted the nucleus for an eventual overall Pacific security alliance against Communism.

The agreement signed in Tokyo gives the conditions under which American land, sea and air forces will remain "in and about Japan" to defend the unarmed nations after the Japanese peace treaty becomes effective.

The actual bilateral security arrangement between the United States and Japan was signed in San Francisco on September 8, the same day Japan and 48 other nations signed the peace treaty. The Department said the treaty was designed to "provide unarmed and defenceless Japan with the necessary protection against the menace of Communist aggression by maintaining United States armed forces in and about Japan."

The Department pointed out that the security treaty "voluntarily, agreed to by Japan in the exercise of its inherent sovereign right of self-defence is recognized in the treaty of peace with Japan as well as in the Charter of the United Nations."

The Department statement said the administrative agreement signed in Tokyo was along the same lines as those concluded in other countries where there were American bases.

"The security pact itself has been approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and will be acted on soon by the Senate."

With respect to the administrative agreement, the Department statement said in part: "The agreement conforms in general to the agreement which have been concluded with sovereign countries throughout the world where US forces are maintained. Concluded on a basis of sovereign equality and trust by direct negotiation between the two countries, the agreement is satisfactory to both the United States and Japanese governments and will strengthen the close bonds of mutual interest and regard between the two peoples."

"The present administrative agreement, which is an executive agreement, makes practical administrative arrangements for the disposition of armed forces of

Japanese Refuse To Surrender

Soldier Stragglers Stay On Island

Manila, Feb. 29. Nobuhiko Jimbo, former colonel in the Japanese army, complained for Tokyo at 9.30 a.m. today after making a fruitless attempt to persuade Japanese army holdouts on Lubang Island to surrender.

Jimbo, who served here during the occupation and saved the life of President Roxas, flew low over Lubang Island, some 80 miles southwest of Manila Bay, last week-end and appealed to the holdouts through a loud-speaker. He also dropped leaflets urging them to surrender and be repatriated.

There was no response from the estimated 15-20 stragglers on the island.

Jimbo came here in an unofficial capacity.

Two Japanese newspapermen will soon make an attempt to persuade the men to surrender.

The Defence Department spokesman said Hiroshi Yamamoto of the Mainichi and Yutaka Tsuji of the Asahi would go to Southern Luzon today to receive instructions before proceeding to Lubang. They will take over where Nobuhiko left off.—United Press.

US POLICY SHARPLY CRITICISED

Washington, Feb. 28. In response to questioning on Far Eastern policy, Mr Owen Lattimore today characterised Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Nationalist Government as a "driftwood government on the beaches of Formosa."

Mr Lattimore charged, in testimony, that the China Lobby—which he called an "open conspiracy"—was using "intimidation tactics" to get the United States government to give "all-out aid" to Chiang.

Mr Lattimore called support of the Chiang government a mistake in policy and asserted that the State Department had become the "prisoner of its critics."

"The drift of policy in the last couple of years shows that the State Department, while protesting it is following its own policy, is in fact following the policy of its most intemperate critics," he said.—United Press.

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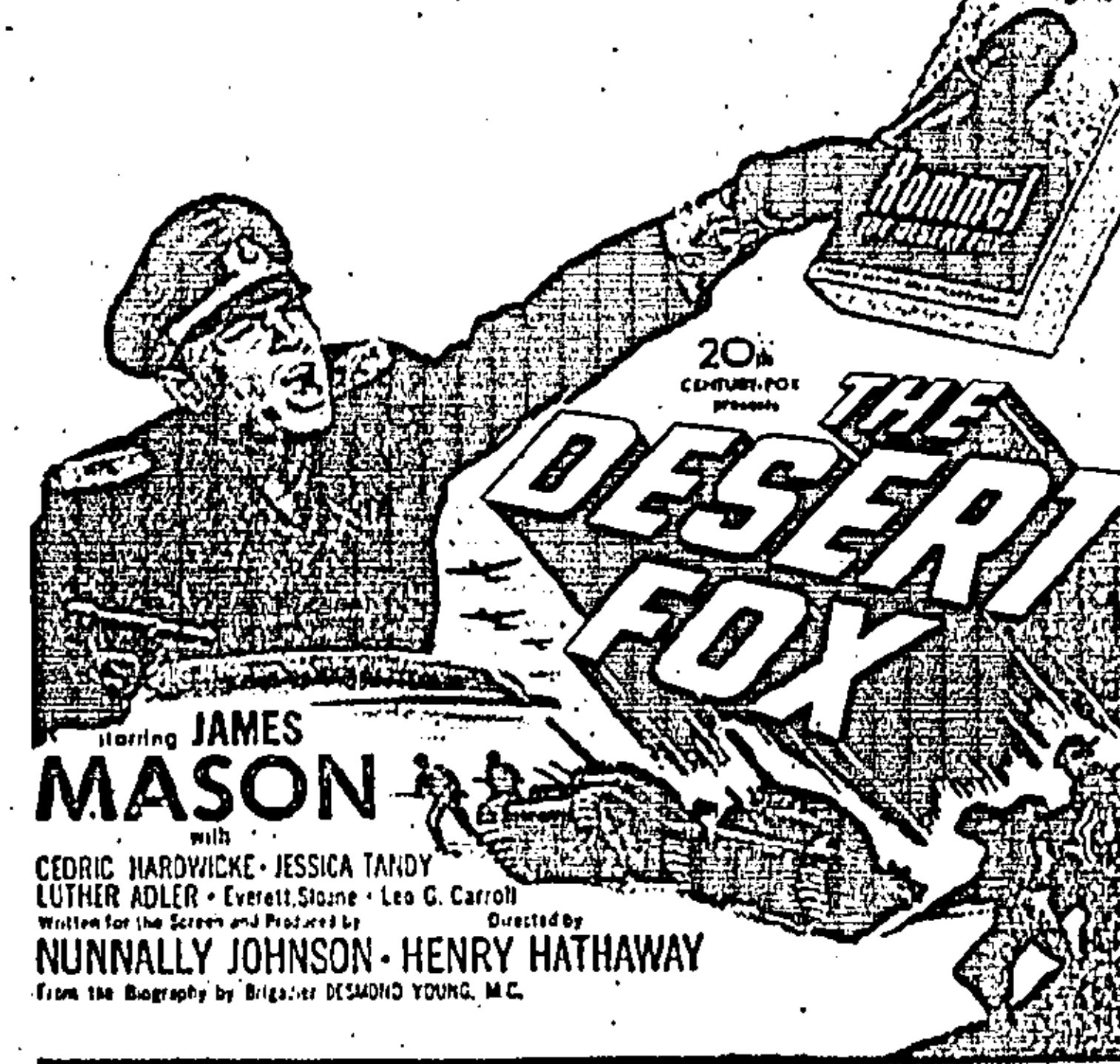
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At Least 18 Atomic Tests This Year

New York, Feb. 28. — American authorities estimate that the number of atomic explosions this year will exceed 18, according to columnist Robert B. Allen. It was known that Russia planned further atomic tests this year, he said in an article, while Britain would conduct atomic tests in Australia. The coming American atomic tests on the Pacific coast of Eniwetok will be directly related to the development of the catalytic hydrogen bomb, Mr. Allen said. "United States scientists have definitely established that the weapon can be produced," he added. — Reuter.

GERMANY ASKS FOR LENIENCY

War Debts Issue
London, Feb. 28. — West Germany today pleaded the cost of her contribution towards peace in Europe as a reason for lenient treatment by her creditors.

Herman J. Abs, leader of the West German delegation to a 28-nation conference which began here today to settle Germany's external debts, said that Germany was hard hit by the war and this must be taken into account in assessing her paying capacity. Post-war German debts are unofficially calculated at about \$250,000,000 and the post-war total is estimated at \$3,000,000,000 more. West Germany has assumed responsibility for all Germany's pre-war debts in return for a big cut in post-war claims by America, France and Britain. The chief American delegate, Mr. Warren Lee Pierson, said, "France, the United Kingdom and the United States have offered to make unprecedentedly liberal concessions with respect to Germany's obligations, but they have imposed as a condition for such concessions that a fair and equitable settlement be worked out for holders of pre-war obligations of Germany." "As the Steering Committee considers the burden and sacrifices to be placed on the debtors and creditors under the debt settlement it must also keep constantly in mind the heavy burden which will be placed on the United Kingdom, France and United States taxpayers. The conference set up a Steering Committee and a Creditors Committee. It will decide the composition of the two Committees at another plenary session tomorrow. — Reuter.

BRITISH MOTOR CORPORATION

London, Feb. 28. — A new company, which will produce half of Britain's motor-cars, was named today the British Motor Corporation. Into it will be merged the assets of Morris Motors and the Austin Motor Company, amounting to £66 million. The merger, announced last October, has as its object the production of more efficient production and an increase in exports. The chairman of the new company is the 74-year-old millionaire-philanthropist, Lord Nuffield. — Reuter.

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New Effort To Solve Impasse Over POW Exchange In Korea

Munsan, Feb. 29. — Full-fledged armistice delegates take over the problem of prisoner exchange today where their "working level" staff officers gave up after exhausting talks.

A sub-committee of one member from the Allied and Communist truce delegations face the task of breaking the deadlock over the United Nations proposal to allow prisoners to say whether they want to be returned.

Allied negotiators have pressed for voluntary repatriation since they began discussion of the fourth agenda.

The Communists have insisted that their prisoners be sent back regardless of their wishes. In advance of the sub-committee session at Panmunjom, there was little to encourage hope that the two star officers on the sub-committee could succeed speedily where the staff officers failed in 22 days of discussion.

The meeting, at 11:00 a.m., brings to the conference table Rear-Admiral C. Turner Joy on the Allied side to face North Korean Major-General Lee Sang Cho for the first time since Feb. 6.

Due to meet at the same time in an adjoining tent were opposing staff officers working on terms for safeguarding a truce, the third item on the armistice agenda.

The major dispute in this tent stems from the Communist insistence—and Allied opposition—to Russia as one of the neutral nations, to help police a Korean armistice.

PORTS OF ENTRY

Also before the staff officers was the question of the number of ports of entry behind the lines on each side that are to be inspected by neutral nation teams.

The arguments in this tent on Thursday were the same as they have been for days and Allied officers reported gloomily afterward that no headway was made.

On the question of Russia, the Reds said their position firm and would continue to be so.

On the number of rear area ports, the Reds held out for five on each side against the six sought by the UN Command.

Staff officers working on prisoner of war exchange reached agreement on almost all paragraphs of the draft for this agenda item but they left the issue of voluntary repatriation for the sub-committee.

Some minor differences in wording remained, but an Allied staff officer, Col. James Murray, said: "These problems would fall apart if the central issue was resolved."

NO INDICATION

Col. Murray asked the Communist staff officers to the conference tent today to supply information on all prisoners ever held by them and said that if they did the UNC would do the same.

But the Reds gave no indication that they will comply. The data would cover information on men who each side claims were in the hands of the other and who so far have been accounted for.

In addition this would include the names of prisoners captured since original prisoner lists were exchanged at Panmunjom in December.

Col. Murray told the Reds: "On Jan. 1 you stated that you had put in an order for data on all prisoners of war captured by your side during the course of hostilities. This includes approximately 50,000 persons—formerly military personnel of our side—for whom no accounting has been given. You also stated that this data would be given to our side in due course, contingent on our giving you the complete data on all prisoners of war taken by the United Nations Command."

Col. Murray said: "On Feb. 6 you were informed that such a complete accounting for prisoners of war taken by the UNC could be made available to you on 72 hours' notice. We have available complete data on all prisoners of war taken by your side through Jan. 31, 1952. This includes a detailed accounting for the list of 44,000 names which you handed over on Dec. 26. We can have this data here tomorrow morning."

The Communist staff officer, Chinese Colonel Tsai Cheng Wen, evaded a direct answer on whether the Reds would furnish the information. But he said: "With respect to the question of data, your side has to report all the prisoners of war in your camps immediately. That is your duty as well as your obligation."

Col. Tsai also told Col. Murray that the UN reply to the Red protest over the February 18 rioting of civilian internees at the UN camp on Koje island was not satisfactory.

He said: "Your side attempts to escape the barbarous massacre of the captured personnel of our side. These persons are the military personnel of our side. They are clearly listed in the list submitted by your side through the International Committee of the Red Cross."

Col. Murray countered by stating: "The civilian internees (on Koje) are not personnel of your side. They are nationals of the Republic of Korea and thus it is an internal affair of our side."

"Our responsibility to your side is limited to the prisoners of war of your side whom we hold," Col. Murray added. — Associated Press.

New Aerial Freighter

London, Feb. 28. — Britain is to produce a freight plane capable of carrying 20 tons of cargo and of landing on a field 1,000 yards long. It is an improved version of the original "Universal Freighter" claimed to be one of the largest existing cargo planes. It is at present undergoing final tests.

The original Universal Freighter, a double-decker, had a wing span of about 50 yards and an all-up weight of about 45 tons. It could carry 90 passengers and a motor coach in its main compartment.

The new version—the Mark 2 Universal Freighter—similar in most respects, is a medium range plane with a maximum cruising speed of 225 miles an hour. — Reuter.

Flies 100th Mission

Korea, Feb. 28. — A former Royal Australian Air Force Spitfire pilot, who survived a jump in a "dud" parachute during World War II, flew his 100th Meteor jet mission in Korea today.

This pilot is Squadron-Leader William Bennett, DFC, of Hamilton Road, Brisbane. He is the deputy commander of the RAAF 77th Squadron.

Bennett bailed out of an exploding Spitfire over Holland on Christmas Day, 1944. His parachute failed to open properly but, his fall was checked when the silk got caught in a tree.

Bennett, who spent the remainder of the war in a German prison camp, rejoined the RAAF in October, 1950.

His 100th Meteor flight was a patrol mission. — Reuter.

Landed In Court Instead

Singapore, Feb. 23. — Twenty-seven-year-old Goh Kwee Hua, fed up with life because she had married a "rascal," decided to end her troubles by jumping from the window of her house.

Instead she landed in the seat of a policeman, suffering only slight injuries, appeared in Court and was ordered to sign a bond to be of good behaviour for six months. — Associated Press.

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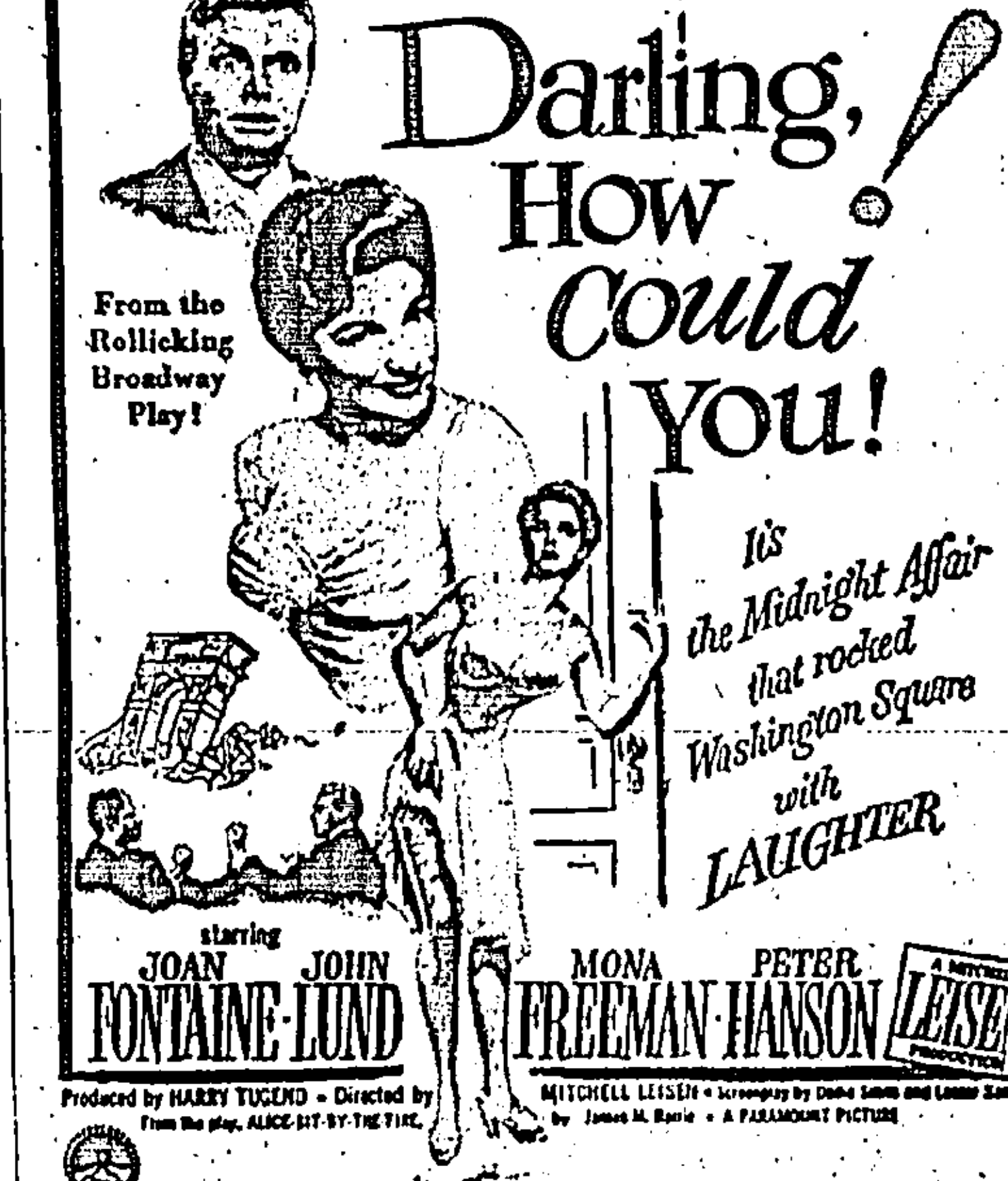
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Cricketer Shot Dead On Field



In the foreground is the dead body of Arthur Henderson, and in the background Ronald Reed, a wounded man who is receiving attention from ambulance men. The scene is the Railways Oval, Adelaide, South Australia, after a man had run amok with a .303 rifle during a cricket match and shot the two players. — Express Service.

Locust Swarms Invade Iran

London, Feb. 28. Swarms of desert locusts have crossed the Persian Gulf and have entered Persia at Bushire, the Amir - Locust Research Centre in London stated today.

They may spread along the coast to Pakistan and India, according to Dr. Boris P. Uvarov, the Director of the Centre and a leading world authority on locusts.

He said: "Where they go next depends upon the weather. They are not likely to go inland, where the climate is cold, but may spread eastwards along the coast up to Pakistan and India."

There is no information as to the size of the swarms. — Reuters.

TEXTILE GLUT IN RANGOON

Rangoon, Feb. 28. A textile glut is threatening many Burmese with bankruptcy and the Government has offered to buy "over-stocks".

The move is expected to help dealers pay off pressing debts and add liquid funds to banks where warehouses are filled with unredempted textile stocks.

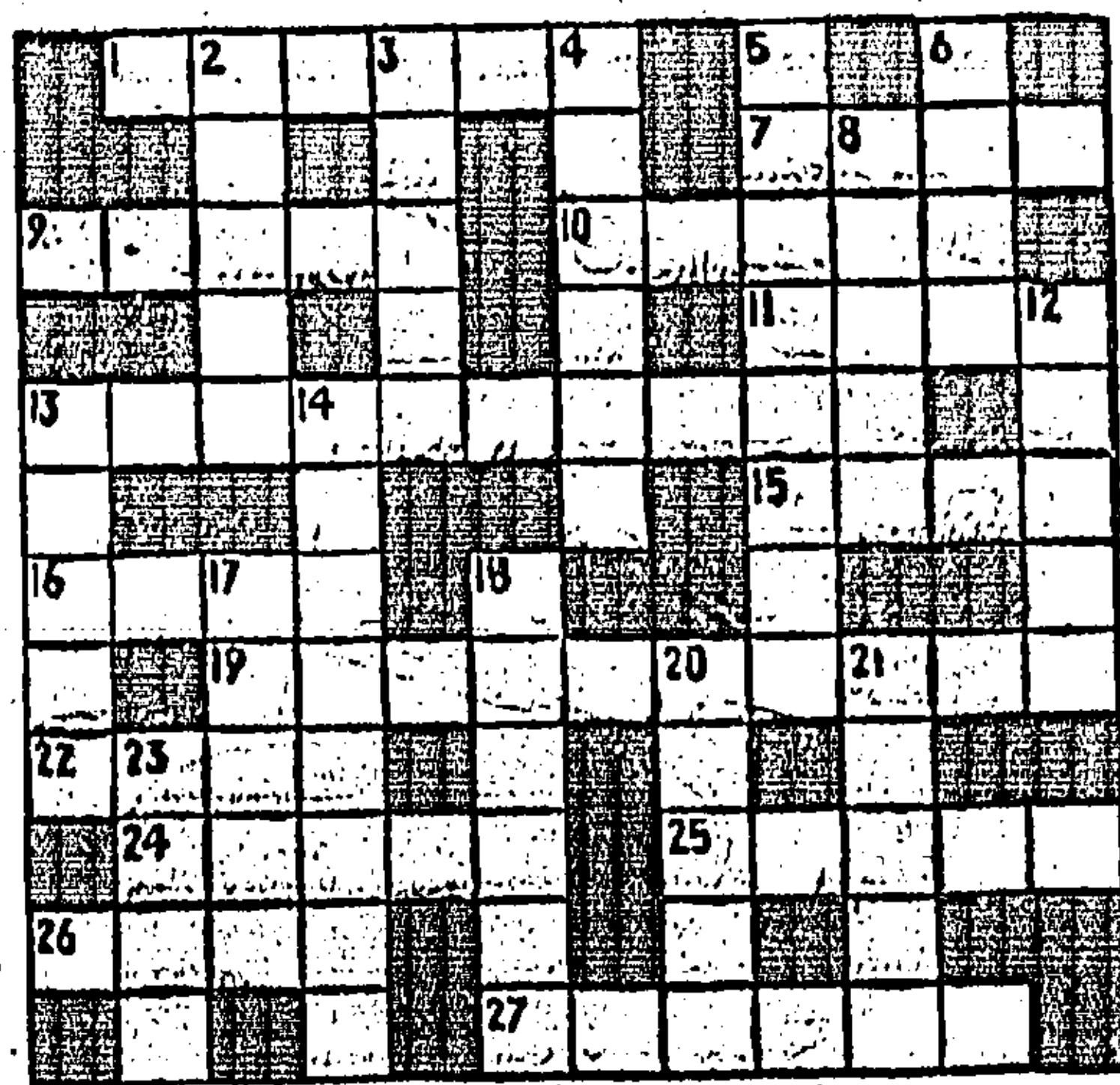
Some quarters estimate that Burma has enough textiles, especially piecegoods, to last her for two years.

Some Burmese businessmen, who want import control, blame the present crisis on the Government's policy of open general license.

The bulk of the textile trade is controlled by British and Indian businessmen.

The Government's new measure is designed to help Burmese traders, new entrants to the textile business. — Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS: 1. Replacement parts (8); 2. Excursion (4); 3. Machinery (5); 4. Mistake (5); 5. Birds (4); 6. Downcast (10); 7. Tackle (4); 8. Get up (4); 9. Impious (10); 10. Feet (4); 11. Necessities (5); 12. Tendency (5); 13. Put on (4); 14. Yarns (4).
- DOWN: 1. Birds (4); 2. Proportion (5); 3. Firm (6); 4. Not an acquaintance (8); 5. Scottish church (4); 6. Literary (5); 7. Support (5); 8. Mouthful (10); 9. Unpleasant (8); 10. Enchantress (5); 11. Stopped (6); 12. Pious (5); 13. Feet (4); 14. Yarns (4); 15. Spoon (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Sobbed; 2. Spasm; 3. Phrase; 4. Vella; 5. Rots; 6. Created; 7. Opera; 8. Tonic; 9. Tonic; 10. Inner; 11. Erected; 12. Stet; 13. Henri; 14. Glimpse; 15. Bliss; 16. Cheats; 17. Downs; 18. Separate; 19. Baritone; 20. Elm; 21. Prelate; 22. Silver; 23. Grand; 24. Spectra; 25. Crises; 26. Tortuous; 27. Destroys; 28. Ordeal; 29. Rich.

"Major Step Towards Establishment Of A New Europe"—Eden

Lisbon Agreement On Germany

London, Feb. 28. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, told the House of Commons today that he regarded the agreement on the German financial contribution to defence reached in the talks in London, Lisbon and Bonn as a major step not only in the strengthening of Western defence, but also in the establishment of a new Europe.

Mr. Eden announced that he, Mr. Dean Acheson and M. Robert Schuman had decided to issue today a joint declaration from which it would be seen that they were urgently examining the new proposals whereby the four Powers might be enabled to fulfil at an early date their pledge to restore to Austria her full freedom.

Mr. Eden was making a statement on the meeting in Lisbon of the North Atlantic Council and the talks in London between the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, the United States and Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor.

He disclosed that he, M. Schuman and Mr. Acheson had reached agreement among themselves on the question of security safeguards on German industry.

Mr. Eden hoped it would be possible to reveal the details of this agreement later, adding, "but I can say that the broad conception of the scheme is that the six European defence community powers will themselves jointly agree where orders for all military material shall be placed and where they shall not be placed."

The decisive consideration would be whether and where any particular European defence community country was exposed strategically or geographically.

Arrangements would be made to ensure that safeguards be applied also to Britain and the United States.

Reporting on the Lisbon discussion on the complicated relationship between NATO and the European defence community, Mr. Eden stated that it had been agreed that all members of the European defence community and NATO should be reciprocally bound by the obligations laid down in the North Atlantic Treaty.

LABOUR QUERIES: He told the House that the NATO Council had agreed to extend these obligations to cover the European defence community by adding a protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty.

The complication, Mr. Eden pointed out, arose from the fact that five members of the future European defence community are members of NATO but that the sixth, Germany, is not.

Replying to questions from the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, who asked for clarification of the present position with regard to any military contribution by Germany towards the defence of the West, Mr. Eden said:

"The position is that Germany's contribution cannot come into effect until contractual arrangements with Germany and the European defence community and Germany are finally signed."

Pressed by a former Labour Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, to define Britain's relation to the European community, Mr. Eden said: "Our position in relation to the European army in that we shall of course be alongside the European army and we shall have certain arrangements which I mentioned in the last debate and which are being worked out for liaison and close association with them but not merged with it."

Approval Of French Army Expenditure

Paris, Feb. 28. The French National Assembly tonight passed by 520 votes to 104 partial military credits for Metropolitan France amounting to 130,000 million francs for March and April.

This partial credit bill, which was made necessary because the Budget for 1952 had not yet been voted, will be adopted by the Senate tonight and will allow the Government to face immediate military expenditure of 1,270,000 million francs, one of the Budget clauses on which the Premier, M. Edgar Faure, is reading a confidence vote tonight.

The total military expenditure is 1,400,000 million francs, of which 130,000 million are covered by military expenditure on armaments, roads and other

Asked bluntly by Mr. Shinwell whether Britain intended to contribute contingents to the European army, Mr. Eden said that there had been absolutely no change in Britain's position with regard to the European community since he explained it in the foreign affairs debate before he left for the Lisbon conference. — Reuters.

PRESS CRITICISM

London, Feb. 28. The left-wing weekly review, New Statesman and Nation, said today: "The phoney balance sheets, the paper armies and the synthetic optimism of the Atlantic Council meeting at Lisbon were all designed to keep the dollars flowing across the Atlantic from America."

"The whole elaborate show at Lisbon was motivated not by any serious military planning but by purely political considerations," the paper said.

"There has never been such an orgy of self-deception, misdirection and fraudulent book-keeping."

Neither the military nor the financial plans made could be carried out, the paper declared. For instance, everyone at Lisbon knew perfectly that the French promise to spend the equivalent of £1,400 million Sterling on defence this year was "mythical". — Reuters.

DUTCH CONCERN

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. Dirk Sluiter, said here today that while great political progress was made at the Lisbon NATO Council meeting he was concerned about the economic side.

He told reporters on his arrival tonight from Lisbon that West Germany's contribution to the European defence community, as fixed for this year, presented many pitfalls in the economic aspect.

"What is the use of forming a European defence community if Germany turns out not to have enough money available?" he asked.

The Dutch Foreign Minister did not think the plan to raise 60 divisions this year for West European defence were "empty words." He thought the plan could certainly be implemented although he again stressed that this depended closely on the development of the economic situation in Britain and France. — Reuters.

Heligoland Going Back To Germany

Frankfurt, Feb. 28. The German authorities will take over bomb-torn Heligoland Island on Saturday under present arrangements to turn it into a sea bulwark against Britain.

A rocky island, Heligoland has for the past seven years been a practice target for British and American bombers.

A group of 18 bored German policemen landed on the island on Feb. 22 to prevent 2,500 native islanders from returning to their former home before the island is handed back to Germany on March 1.

The 2,500 Heligolanders, together with about 1,000 German soldiers who manned anti-aircraft guns and the ramparts during World War II, evacuated the island after the German surrender. They have since then lived in bleak-allee emergency quarters along the German North Sea coast about 20 miles from the shattered island.

The natives are waiting to return to the 130-acre North Sea rock to resume work as fishermen and resort keepers.

The Heligolanders hope to raise more than £10,000,000 to finance reconstruction. Mines and dud bombs must first be cleared and the harbour rebuilt before houses can go up again.

Military use of the island began when Hitler fortified it in 1935 and turned it into a submarine base during the last war. — Reuters.

Mystery Vessel Of Death

Ujung, Feb. 28. Reports from the remote island of Flores in the Lesser Sunda Isles group tell of the discovery of a mysterious vessel of death. Local authorities set out by motor launch to investigate, sighted about a black plume which erupted suddenly, along the east coast of Flores.

After a search of several hours they found the boat. It contained six corpses, a Singer sewing machine and a bicycle. The dead could not be identified, and the discovery is still a mystery to the police. — Associated Press.

NEW CHURCHILL APPOINTMENT

London, Feb. 28. Mr. Nigel Birch, Under-Secretary to the Air Ministry, has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Defence.

Mr. Birch will deal with all matters affecting his Ministry which arise in the House of Commons as the new Defence Minister, Viscount Alexander, sits in the House of Lords.

TALKS ON INDONESIA SHELVED

The Hague, Feb. 28. The Indonesian delegation attending the informal talks here on an annulment of the union between Holland and Indonesia and its replacement by an international treaty, will leave for Djakarta on March 2 because of the Cabinet crisis there.

But the talks will be resumed when a new Indonesian Government is formed, a delegation spokesman said.

The delegation's chairman has issued a joint communiqué saying that since Jan. 16—when the talks started—provisional results had already been achieved.

The talks have also included the controversial question of the status of Western New Guinea. The area is still under Dutch sovereignty, but Indonesia claims that it should be handed over to the Indonesian State.

It is understood here that an Indonesian proposal that the area should be administered jointly between the two countries is being given serious consideration in Dutch political circles. — Reuters.

Testimony By FBI Informer

REDS AND BOOK BY LATTIMORE

Washington, Feb. 28. A former FBI informer told Senate investigators that the Communist Party promoted Owen Lattimore's book "Solution in Asia," it was disclosed today.

The informer was ex-Communist, Harvey Mawson. He testified in secret before the Senate Internal Security Committee on Feb. 13. He said he became a Communist in 1947 and started to contact the FBI in 1950.

A transcript of his testimony was made public by Committee staff members while Mr. Lattimore, a Johns Hopkins University professor, was testifying before the Committee in an open session.

Mr. Lattimore contended that his book did not in any way follow the Communist line.

The transcript showed that Mawson told the Committee he became acquainted with "Solution in Asia" in 1948 while he was an employee of the Jefferson School bookshop, an alleged Communist front.

"CORRECT LINE"

He explained that events were taking place too fast in China for the Communist Party in this country to prepare and put out its own official Party literature.

He said the Party's State education committee "got together and decided which books would be good background material and which supported the Communist Party line."

"They came out with the decision that 'Solution in Asia' was one of those books which could give a Communist Party member the correct line on the Asiatic situation in China."

He said the bookshop also promoted former Vice-President Henry Wallace's pamphlet, "Our Job in the Pacific." — United Press.

Bank Robber Enters Plea Of "Guilty"

New York, Feb. 28. A 51-year-old bank robber landed in jail, facing a total of 80 years' imprisonment, was threatened with contempt of court — carrying a possible penalty of a few months — by a judge here today.

His lawyer smilingly told the judge, "I do not think you will impose that."

Willie ("The Actor") Sutton, who, until his arrest in New York on Feb. 18, was the most wanted bank robber in America, pleaded guilty to two charges of unlawful possession of arms.

Under New York State law this made a sentence of a minimum of 15 years to life imprisonment mandatory.

The prosecutor said that Sutton will still have to serve 20 years in Sing Sing Prison, from which he escaped 20 years ago, and 37 years in the Eastern State penitentiary in Pennsylvania, from which he escaped in 1947.

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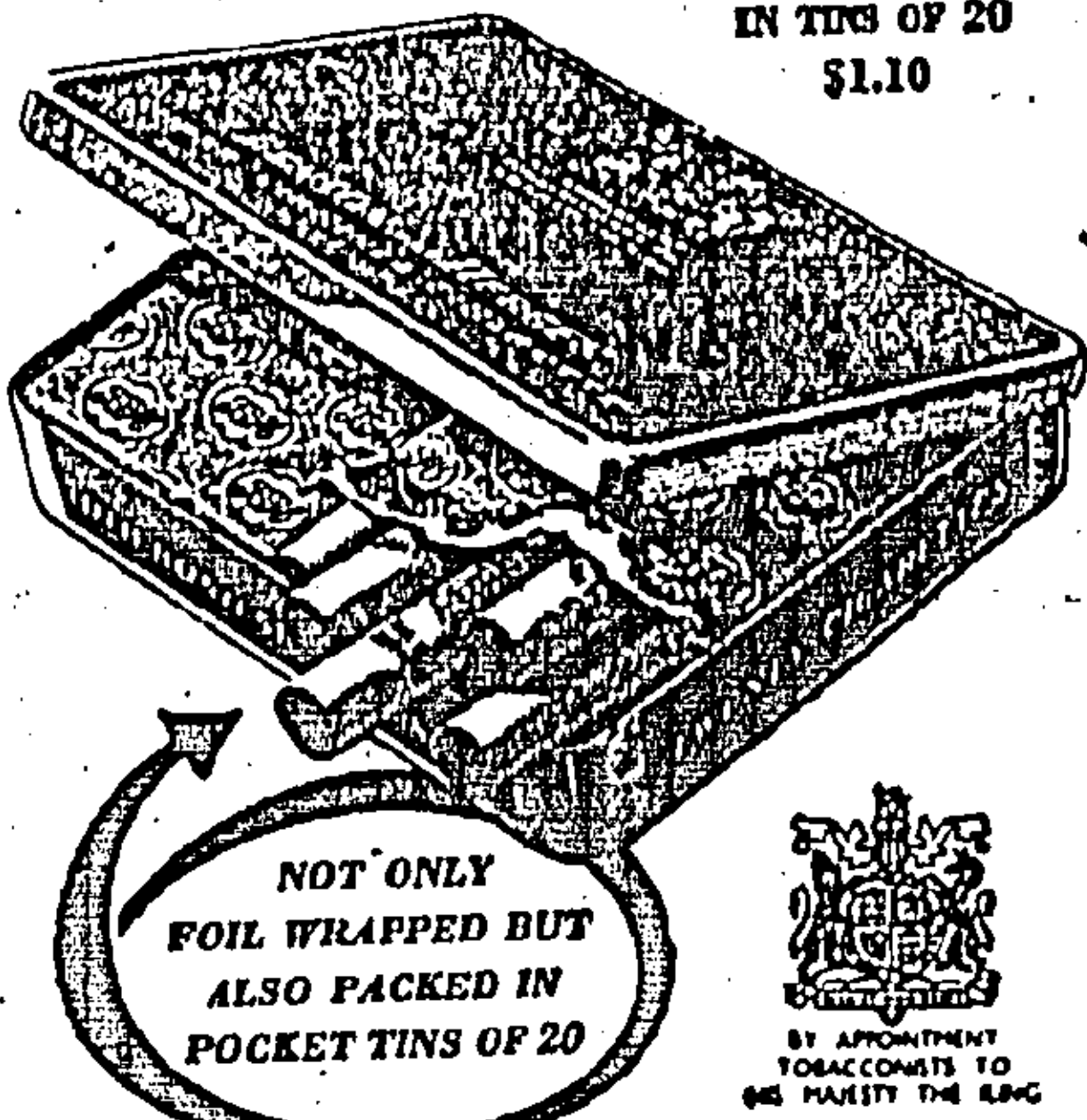
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VICTORIA
From the painting by Thomas Sully.

THE Barbirolli Touch

by
Charles
Reid

SIR JOHN BARBIROLLI has arranged with Covent Garden to appear more often as guest conductor. This season he has had charge of two productions, "Turandot" and "Aida." He hopes during future seasons to prepare and conduct as many as four operas. His conducting dates are now in negotiation with the Garden management.

The Covent Garden musical directorship is still vacant, to be sure. But who wants administrative donkey work? Guest nights are so much better fun, especially if you have a whole month to get up a production and everybody's as nice as ninescence.

When nowadays he goes in at the Floral Street stage door Barbirolli has a snug, homing sentiment. He was on the Garden's conducting strength for old type international seasons as long ago as 1927, twilight of the Tlora Epoch. In 1952, fingering his bow tie and eyeing himself in the mirror of Dressing Room A, he says, "Yes I'm at my old tricks again."

OVER-PRaised?
But Barbirolli's tricks are of two kinds. There are his concert hall tricks. They do not necessarily come out of the same box.

As a concert conductor and before that as a player, he has done well, even brilliantly. (Perhaps not as brilliantly as his wilder champions make out. For a year or two his Halle Orchestra was grossly overpriced in some quarters.) I vaguely remember him as a young man in striped trousers and tall coat leading a hundred 'cellos (all ages from ten to sixty) in plummy adaptations of Bach at the Kingsway Hall. At 25 he was touring an orchestra of his own. At 36 he succeeded Toscanini as chief of the New York Philharmonic and basked in American success for seven years.

Symphony and oratorio he prepares with love and tenacity.

UPSIDE DOWN
To demonstrate a point of phrasing he will borrow the orchestra leader's fiddle and play it upside down with its tail on a table top, as if it were a baby. If he chose he could, of course, play the fiddle right way up, but he is a crack solo 'cellist (retired) and the wrong way comes more naturally.

With choral societies he has ways of his own. At a rehearsal one Sunday morning his tenors and basses failed at a tricky hurra in a concert version of "The Merry Dwarfs." "If you get this right," he promised, "you can all have pints on me." He was true to his word. After the rehearsal a bonus beer queue formed at the restaurant bar next door.

Concert hall dollops are watched by Lady Barbirolli with an eye that is professional as well as wifely. A stylish oboe player, who figures on concert bills under her maiden name, Evelyn Rothwell, and plays in concertos which her husband has devised from 18th century scores by Corelli and Pergolesi.

OPERA FIRST
For 12 months or so she convinced him that her husband's business manager, too. She took a typing course the better to negotiate his initial output with the Halle of 200 concerts a year.

For both husband and wife, then, the concert hall is a perpetual excitement.

Yet, when you bring him to the point, Barbirolli admits that opera's the thing—his matter, as he puts it.

The theatre caught him young. His Italian father (born Padua) and grandfather (born Rovigo)

THE accession of Queen Elizabeth the Second inevitably calls to mind the last occasion upon which a young Queen ascended to the throne of England. In 1837 Queen Victoria began her long reign whose "august, unchallenged, and tranquil glories," as Mr Churchill described them, will ever remain among the greatest memories of our history. The character and personality of that remarkable monarch are subjects of perennial interest.

Miss Dormer Creston's study of the Queen's life until her marriage in 1840, just published, will please all those who enjoy colourful detail, picturesque gossip and frequent flights

into psychological analysis. The sub-title of the book is A Discursive Narrative. The reader who has wandered along the mazy paths of Miss Creston's story for 462 pages may be inclined to regard this as an understatement.

Only those who have had access to the Royal Archives are likely to add anything new to the great amount already known about Queen Victoria's youth. Miss Creston does not belong to that category. Nevertheless her book is a convenient and interesting reminder of the enormous change which has taken place during the past 120 years.

"The youthful Queen Victoria" (Macmillan 30s.).

She found the monarchy on the verge of dissolution... and her 64 years' reign changed the whole status of royalty

by Robert Blake

In the position and prestige of the monarchy.

When Queen Victoria was born in 1819 the prospects of the House of Hanover were unpromising. George III was old and mad. His sons were notorious alike for their demerit, their morals and their debauchery. The Prince Regent was a witty and indolent voluptuary. The Duke of York had been forced, for a time to abandon his post as Commander-in-Chief when it was revealed that his mistress trafficked in army commissions. The Duke of Clarence, later William IV, was a genial buffoon with ten illegitimate children.

The Duke of Kent, Queen Victoria's father, who died in 1820, was a military martinet whose iron discipline provoked mutinies wherever he commanded.

It is not surprising that the Duke of Wellington once described them as "the damnedest millstones about the necks of any government that can be imagined. They have insulted—personally insulted—two-thirds of the gentlemen of England." The reigns of George IV and William IV, looked the monarchy to its foundation. Queen Victoria's mere existence by preventing a further succession of royal brothers did much to save the Crown from disaster.

and Gevenchy, was sent to Mesopotamia and also fought in Palestine in World War One and in the operations against the Arabs there in 1937.

It received a remarkable tribute from the enemy in the date war. After being evacuated from British Somaliland, the battle continued with great ferocity for two days. The Black Watch never surrendered. Had it been any other regiment, any other, all would have been well. Even we were at our wits' end. I had but 80 men left out of my 800, no food, little ammunition; all our food was being eaten by the Jews.

After Crete, the battalion was in Tobruk during the siege and then fought at Chindits in Burma.

Two of the other second battalions originated with the Hon. East India Company. The Durham Light Infantry was the 2nd Bombay Europeans raised in 1823 which was later amalgamated with the British Line as the 106th (Bombay Light Infantry) Regt. The East India Company's 3rd Madras Europeans, who did good service during the Mutiny, became the 108th (Madras Infantry) Regt. when transferred to the British Crown, and later the 2nd battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

Nowhere will Mr Head's announcement have been more warmly welcomed than in the United States Marine Corps, which has had a long association with the Royal Welch Fusiliers' 2nd Battalion.

The first time they actually met was when they were arrayed on opposite sides of a stone wall at Eureka's Hill in the American War of Independence, but their link of comradeship dates from 1900 when they fought side by side during the Boxer Rising in China and assaulted Peking together. They were again together on the coil of China at Shanghai in 1937. The famous composer Sousa, who was a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, wrote a march "The Royal Welch Fusiliers" to commemorate the association, which

was presented to the battalion at Tidworth in 1930.

The Royal Welch have already had three second battalions. There was a first short lived appearance in 1750. It was re-created in 1804 for ten years, and earned an undying fame at Corunna in the Peninsula War, and then was revived in 1858, when it lived for 90 years, and fought with distinction at Ashanti and in the two World Wars.

The Sherwood Foresters' 2nd Battalion is the old 95th Devoysire Regiment, and it is the aim of the Regiment, if possible, to have all Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire men in it. The colours of the battalion and their mascot, the ram. "Derby 17th" are at present in Germany with the 1st Battalion, but will return to England on the forming of the 2nd Battalion.

The original 2nd battalion was raised in 1823, and suffered terrible hardships in the Crimea, less than 100 men returning to England out of the 1,000 who had composed the regiment when it sailed. It fought in the Indian Mutiny, and later saw service in Egypt, India and Tibet. It was in France during World War One, and crossed the Channel again with the BEF in 1939. After taking part in the Dunkirk evacuation, it fought in North Africa, was in the Pantelleria and Anzio landings and subsequently fought its way up to Rome and beyond. From 1945 to 1947 the battalion served in Palestine, Syria and Egypt.

The Green Howards and the Lancashire Fusiliers both raised second battalions at the outbreak of the Seven Years' War in 1758, and again exact-

Naturally, the Tories did not take this lying down. The tragic scandal of Lady Flora Hastings, described in detail by Miss Creston, gave a handle to the Opposition. At Ascot in 1839 the Queen was publicly hissed by a Tory duchess.

Later the Queen changed the direction though not the vehemence of her politics. The Whigs, Palmerston and Russell, became those "dreadful old men."

As for Mr Gladstone, the Queen's pen splutters with rage at the thought of him. "A wild fanatical old man of 70" wrapped up in "his own incomprehensible delusions and illusions. It could only be stopped!" Elsewhere she refers to him as "that half-mad firebrand." "Others may submit to his democratic rule but not the Queen."

In Queen Victoria's youth the Crown was expected to intervene actively in politics. It was natural for her to carry on these ideas even into her old age.

HER DEVOTION

The real creator of constitutional monarchy was that most able and misjudged figure, the Prince Consort. Himself detached from English parties, he saw that, to survive in a democratic age, the Crown must appear disinterested in politics, must exert influence by advice which could only be effective if the Sovereign thoroughly understood the affairs of State but was believed to be politically impartial.

For all her strong feelings Queen Victoria never quite forgot her husband's precepts. Her political prejudices were known only within a limited circle. The loyalty of the very leaders, who had most cause for complaint, prevented any widespread knowledge of the Queen's hostility to the Liberal Party. Her devotion to public duty had made her by the end of her life one of the most popular monarchs in our history.

The monarchy, which seventy years earlier had seemed upon the verge of dissolution, now stood firmly rooted in public esteem, ready to face the tempests of the twentieth century.

BRITISH ARMY WILL BE STRENGTHENED

By Peter Lovegrove

THE news that seven second battalions of famous regiments are being reborn during the coming spring and summer, which was announced by Mr Antony Head, the War Secretary, in the House of Commons recently, has been welcomed far beyond British Army Circles.

It represents the first fruits of the economies on manpower in administrative units and headquarters recommended by the Temple Committee—the Army in fact is cutting its tail to strengthen its teeth—and is also a sign of the successful stimulus given to Army recruiting by the new three-year Regular engagement, which is attracting recruits at a rate, it maintained, of about 50,000 men a year.

The seven regiments, selected because they had been most successful in Regular recruiting, are:

The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment).
The Lancashire Fusiliers.
The Royal Welch Fusiliers.
The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment).
The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment).
The Durham Light Infantry.

Only the King's Royal Rifle Corps of the other 57 Infantry regiments have already had their second battalion restored.

All seven battalions have long regimental traditions, a most distinguished past, and their battle honours read like a slice of British history.

The War Secretary confirmed in the Commons that the Black Watch, the senior Highland regiment, was the most popular with Regular Infantry recruits today.

The "Red Hackles" second battalion traces its origin to 1758 when it was formed in Perthshire, and as the 73rd Perthshire Regiment fought in the West Indies, at Martinique and Guadeloupe, and was then employed in the capture of Montreal, the final conquest of Canada and the capture of Havana.

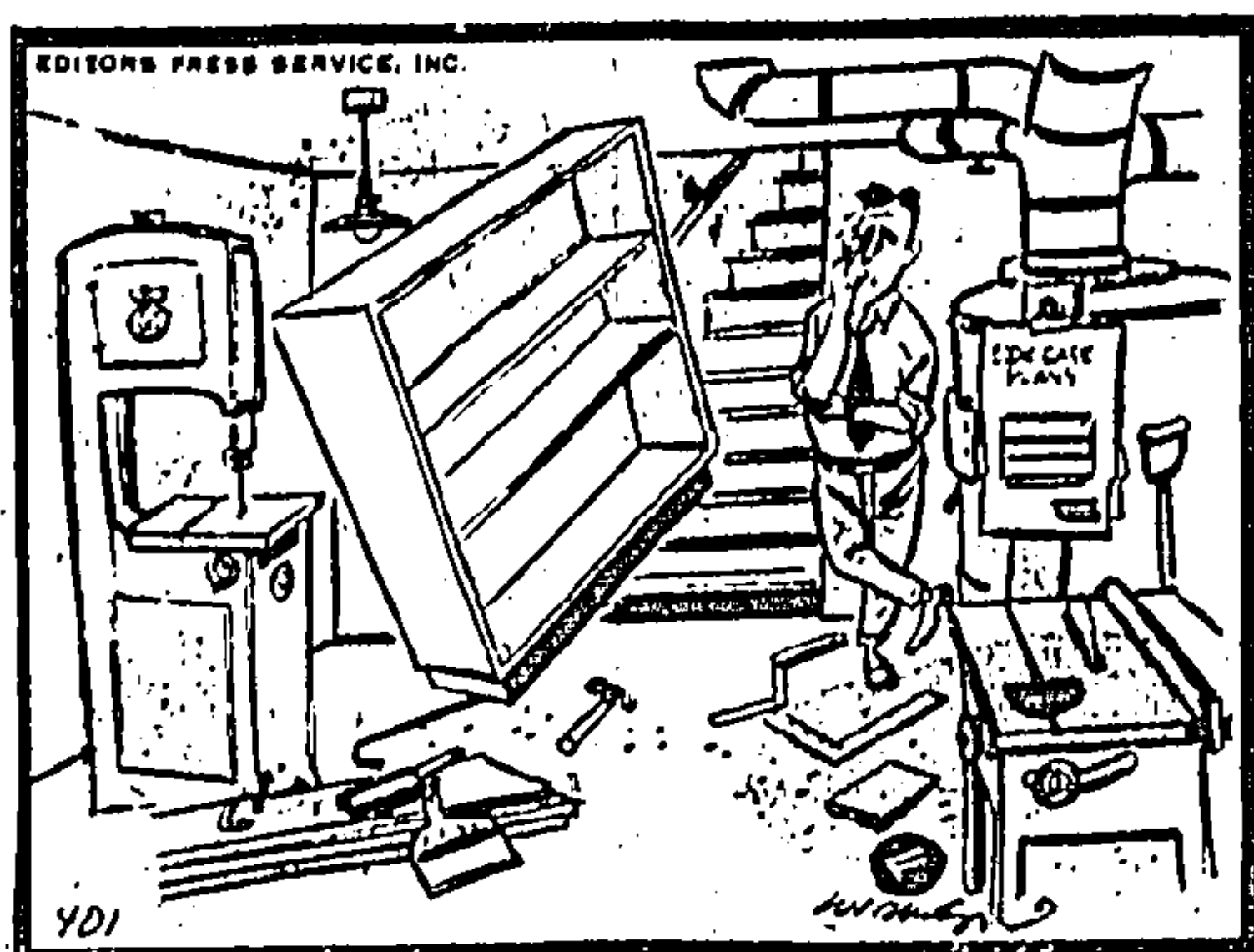
Disbanded soon after, it was raised again in 1793 when it won fresh laurels in the East Indies (it fought with great bravery against Hyder Ali and Tippos Sahib at Pondicherry and in the storming and capture of Seringapatam) and later in the Peninsula War. It was in Prince's in 1914, and after Neuve Chapelle, Loos

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For why should a woman live, like Vitell's wolves at the gates of Paris, on air, if she can become a walking skeleton by merely standing on her head? What is the explanation? According to Dr. Nobostrius, the noted Albanian gynecologist, when you stand on your head, the blood-stream follows like a jelly on a windy cliff-top, and the air it gives off drifts sideways, leaving what is called a synchroton vacuum in three dimensions. This shifts the hormone tissues of the lumbar ducts, and induces hypodermis of the cellulite gland. Hence loss of weight—until you come the right way up again.

A contrary opinion

BUT Dr. Draspelzo contradicts this. He, wagging his cheeks like the old raven of Montargis, says that when you stand on your head, 300,000 pores in the skin of the head and neck are exposed to the air, and the heat of the sun, which is shifting their weight in an uncertain manner. Yes, yes, but according to Tallantire's Law of Non-Compensatory Balance-Averages the pores themselves lose weight in transit, and so a body

A big parcel

AN assistant in the post office into which an elephant walked the other day, said when the beast had left: "We did not miss a single letter. Did you think that elephant got into post offices to buy stamps? Or was he thinking of the enormous elephant Fido, which snatched into a post office at Dagenham, and said: 'I want to be posted to India. So astonished was the assistant that he hurriedly guessing the weight of the customer, he licked stamps to the value of £16 7s 11d, and stuck them all over Fido's hide. It was afterwards discovered that Fido was four sailors on shore leave.

Oh, I say, look here!

THE headmistress of a girls' school in France was awarded a farthing damages the other day in a case against a junior mistress. The girls had all been singing a song about the headmistress, written by this junior mistress. The title was: 'There are a devil of a lot of camels in the world.'

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

BORN on Leap Year Day is an event that comes to very few—this is one year in which you have a real birthday to celebrate. No need of sulking yourself between February 28 and March 1. All of you born on this special day have highly magnetic personalities, with a charm and force all your own. It is as if being born on this special day gives you a rather special individuality, and once you are cheated of a day for celebrating in three out of four years, the stars have given you special talents to celebrate every day.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Courtship and romance are definitely favoured today. Develop your true personality.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Avoid letting yourself worry about details over which you have no control. Forget them.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—It is important that you make definite plans for your future at this time.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Plan a short journey in the company of one you love. It can bring exceptional pleasure.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—Be tactful in the face of strong opposition. By giving in a little, you might get what you want.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21)—Good for you to broaden your social outlook. Accept all invitations offered.

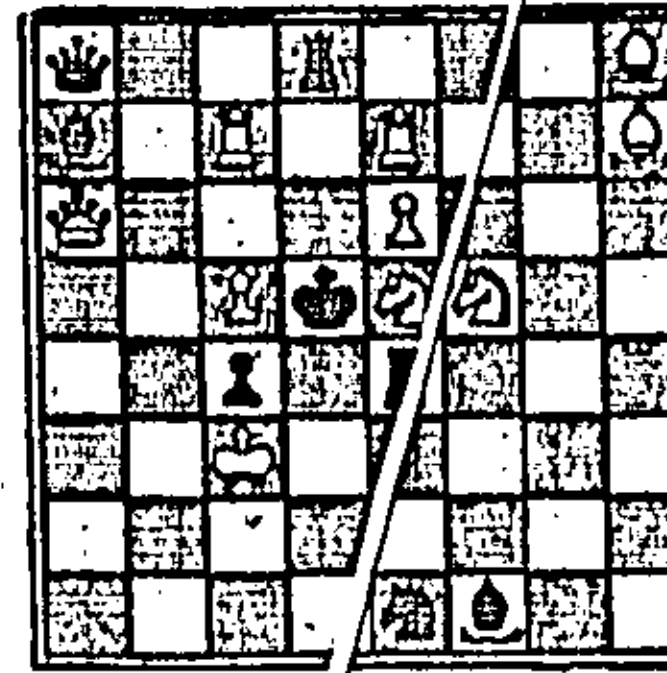
VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21)—Plan to stay at home with your family and enjoy the pleasure of their company.

LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 21)—Be calm under all circumstances. New inspiration and self-reliance pays well now.

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. GUNTREWEILER

Black, 8 pieces



White, 10 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-Q1, B-U; 2. R, B, Kt, or P mates.

DUMB-BELLS

WILL YOU PLEASE REMOVE THE RED LIGHTS ON THE REAR OF THE CAR THEY DON'T MATCH THE COLOR SCHEME



BERTRAM

By T. O. HARE

"ARE we quick in the uptake this morning?" asked Miss Bertram, English mistress at Mountbatten Hall Academy for Girls.

"I think so," replied the girls, "face brightening, how- ever, when Miss Bertram put a box of chocolates on her desk."

"That's all right," she said, "but who's the thief?"

"I wrote on L-E-H-A-R-E."

"Those are the second letters of each of your names," said Miss Bertram. "The clue is my own name, Bertram. Little Anne Hathaway's hand shot up immediately. What is the answer?"

(Solution on Page 10)

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

GARAGE men lose a lot of time to people who stop for oil and gas.

Your neck and your pride are two things that should hold your head up.

Many people leave a cinema right in the middle of a picture. Sleep walking is quite common.



A bandit entered a home and took only a teenager's clarinet. Let's hope the neighbours have alibis.

As soon as all the politicians get on the band wagon, watch out for sour notes.

The fruits of carelessness and thoughtlessness do a swell job of upsetting your apple cart.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Proper Lead Will Win Many Games

By OSWALD JACOBY

JOHNNY CRAWFORD is a hard man to shut out of the bidding. In the hand shown today Crawford held the South cards. When the opponents indicated their readiness to play the hand at two hearts, Johnny refused to sell out. His bid of three clubs is shown as an example of enterprise, not as a model to be followed.

West opened the bidding with one spade, and East took the ace. East returned the six of diamonds, and Crawford won with the king. He had already lost a diamond trick and it looked as though he would have to lose a spade, a couple of hearts, and one or two trump tricks.

At the third trick, Crawford led a spade. West put up the ace and led the ten of diamonds, hoping that his partner could run. As it happened, East had the queen of diamonds, and it was declarer who ruffed.

Crawford now led his remaining spade and finished dummy's ten. This strange finesse was necessary to make sure of a certain heart discard. When he led the king of spades from the dummy, East ruffed with the nine of clubs. Declarer

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♥ K54			
♦ 8752			
♣ K3			
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♥ AQ106	♥ J93		
♦ J1094	♦ AQ8		
♣ None	♣ J10974		
SOUTH			
♠ 94			
♥ 872			
♦ K3			
♣ AQ8652			
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West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 N.T.	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	3 ♣
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Pass	Pass		

over-ruffed with the queen of clubs and led a heart towards dummy's king.

West took the ace of hearts and led another heart, dummy winning with the king. The queen of spades was not lost from dummy, and East ruffed with the ten of clubs. Crawford calmly discarded his losing heart, thus telegraphing a losing heart and a losing trump into one trick.

When East returned his last heart, Crawford cut ruff with the five of clubs, lead the six of clubs to dummy's king, and still have the ace-right of clubs left for a finesse over East's jack-queen. By losing only one trick in each suit, Crawford succeeded in making his risky three-club contract.

General Tin Visits Biggland

—And Has Some Tall Tales to Tell About It!

By MAX TRELL

"I DON'T expect," said General Tin, the tin soldier, "that you will believe me. But everything I am about to tell you is true. I saw it with my own eyes." He stopped and looked at Knarf and Handi, the shadow-children with turned-about names.

You like to hear about my voyage to Biggland, and about my adventures with the extraordinary people who lived there, called the Biggies?

Knarf and Handi, who had heard a great many stories about General Tin's travels into strange and far-away lands, shouted at once that they wanted to hear about his visit to Biggland where the Biggies lived.

CROSSWORD

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Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Marmoset. 2. Marmoset. 3. Marmoset. 4. Marmoset. 5. Marmoset. 6. Marmoset. 7. Marmoset. 8. Marmoset. 9. Marmoset. 10. Marmoset. 11. Marmoset. 12. Marmoset. 13. Marmoset. 14. Marmoset. 15. Marmoset. 16. Marmoset. 17. Marmoset. 18. Marmoset. 19. Marmoset. 20. Marmoset. 21. Marmoset. 22. Marmoset. 23. Marmoset. 24. Marmoset. 25. Marmoset. 26. Marmoset. 27. Marmoset. 28. Marmoset. 29. Marmoset. 30. Marmoset. 31. Marmoset. 32. Marmoset. 33. Marmoset. 34. Marmoset. 35. Marmoset. 36. Marmoset. 37. Marmoset. 38. Marmoset. 39. Marmoset. 40. Marmoset. 41. Marmoset. 42. Marmoset. 43. Marmoset. 44. Marmoset. 45. Marmoset. 46. Marmoset. 47. Marmoset. 48. Marmoset. 49. Marmoset. 50. Marmoset. 51. Marmoset. 52. Marmoset. 53. Marmoset. 54. Marmoset. 55. Marmoset. 56. Marmoset. 57. Marmoset. 58. Marmoset. 59. Marmoset. 60. Marmoset. 61. Marmoset. 62. Marmoset. 63. Marmoset. 64. Marmoset. 65. Marmoset. 66. Marmoset. 67. Marmoset. 68. Marmoset. 69. Marmoset. 70. Marmoset. 71. Marmoset. 72. Marmoset. 73. Marmoset. 74. Marmoset. 75. Marmoset. 76. Marmoset. 77. Marmoset. 78. Marmoset. 79. Marmoset. 80. Marmoset. 81. Marmoset. 82. Marmoset. 83. Marmoset. 84. Marmoset. 85. Marmoset. 86. Marmoset. 87. Marmoset. 88. Marmoset. 89. Marmoset. 90. Marmoset. 91. Marmoset. 92. Marmoset. 93. Marmoset. 94. Marmoset. 95. Marmoset. 96. Marmoset. 97. Marmoset. 98. Marmoset. 99. Marmoset. 100. Marmoset.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Where is the native home of the Maltess?
2. Name the play by Sheridan in which the character Mrs Malaprop appears.
3. What is the next to the last syllable of a word called?
4. What is a lasoo?
5. What is a laiten sail?
6. Describe "napoleon" confectory.

(Answers on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE

CORNFLAKE PASTRY
CRUSH UP 2 1/2 OZ OF CORNFLAKES
AND MIX THEM WITH 2 OZ ROLLED OATS AND 1/2 OZ SUGAR
THEN MIX WITH THEM
2 OZ MARG AND 2 TSP OF BUTTER
LINE SOME COOKED TARTLET MOULDS THINLY WITH THE MIXTURE
AND BAKE IN A MODERATE OVEN ABOUT 1/4 HOUR
WHEN COOL, FILL AS YOU LIKE, AND DECORATE WITH MOCK WHIPPED CREAM

CREATION IN THREE TIERS



Tier upon fascinating tier, the pink-tulle skirt rises to the black satin bodice, relieved by flowers at neckline and shoulders. In this latest Angele Delange creation, it is styled "Royal Command."

NEW TWIST ON A FAMOUS DISH

Fish Cakes Benedict—

"CHEF, I have a new idea based on 'Eggs Benedict.' Very good, Madame. Eggs Benedict is an excellent dish and is a feature of many fine restaurants. But it's expensive and rather tricky to make, as it calls for toasted split English muffins, broiled raw ham, poached eggs and Hollandaise sauce, and must be served on the split second. But our readers could make some appealing facsimiles, such as fish cakes or minced corned beef hash patties, topped with poached eggs, and spread with my mock Hollandaise sauce that is inexpensive and will not separate on standing."

Dinner
Cream of Spinach Soup
Fish Cakes Benedict
Mixed Vegetables Hot Rolls
Old-Fashioned Cole Slaw
Rhubarb and
Tinned Pineapple "Gel"
Coffee, Tea or Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Fish Cakes Benedict
This dish consists of three parts: Salt cod fish cakes, poached eggs and mock Hollandaise sauce.
Fish Cakes: Peel and small-dice enough white potatoes to make 4 heaping cupsful; then boil. Sauté 1/2 c. shredded fish by covering with boiling water, then pressing it out. Add

IDA BAILEY ALLEN
the fish to the cooked potatoes; mash together, being sure all lumps are removed. Add 1 tsp. butter or margarine, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1 beaten egg. Beat vigorously; cool. Shape into flat round cakes, about 3" in diameter. Dust with flour; dip in egg wash, then in fine dry crumbs. Fry in deep fat hot enough to brown a bit of bread in 40 sec., 375 F. Or saute in a frying pan containing enough fat to cover the bottom. Drain on crumpled absorbent paper. Arrange on a heated platter. Top each cake with a poached egg. Spread gently with hot mock Hollandaise sauce. Top each egg with a slice of red radish.

One-Egg-Cooked-Cream-Dressing
Melt 2 1/2 tsp. butter or margarine in a double boiler top. Stir in 1/2 tsp. dry mustard, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. sugar and 1/2 tsp. cornstarch. Beat and add 1 egg. Then stir in 3/4 c. sweet or soured light cream. Cook and stir over hot water until beginning to thicken. Gradually beat in 1/4 c. vinegar. Cook and stir until the consistency of heavy cream. Chill and store in the refrigerator.

Mock Hollandaise Sauce
Melt 3 tsp. butter in a small double boiler top. Stir in 2 tsp.

Washing Blunders

THOUSANDS of pounds are wasted every year by housewives through careless or ignorant home-washing. An exhibition held by a "Washability Bureau" in London recently showed examples of housewives' mistakes. A wool and cotton mixture vest treated as cotton and put into the boiler with the household wash. The wool almost entirely disappeared leaving cotton rags. (Cotton and wool mixtures should be washed as pure wool.) Gym stockings left soaking overnight lost colour. (Socks and stockings should never be soaked for more than 10 to 15 minutes.) A pair of gloves shrivelled by drying in the oven. (Leather gloves should be rolled in a towel to remove moisture, then dried away from heat. Gloves should be cast on to the hand during drying to keep them soft.)

New Place For Perfume



Now you can purchase nylons that have a little pocket in the top hem. In the pocket you'll find a pleasantly scented sachet.

By HELEN FOLLETT

EVERY woman loves the excitement provided by a fabulous perfume. It is the final glamour touch. It suggests romance. It creates a mysterious illusion of loveliness. It accents personality. That is why you have to fight your way to cosmetic counters where sweet fragrances are offered.

Behind the Ears
Women have different ideas as to the best way of using perfume. Dabbing it behind the ears seems to be a long-established custom. Long ago when cavaliers kissed their ladies' fingers, the girls put a few drops on the backs of their hands. That practice, of course, has gone by the board. The smart girl will keep her foretied liquid in an atomiser, will spray her neck and shoulders after the bath. The warmth of her flesh will cause the alcoholic content to evaporate, leaving only the appealing aroma.

Nylons with Sachet
Putting perfume on the hem of the skirt when you're about to go dancing is a cute trick since every movement will create a sweet aura. But now there is a better means of getting the same effect. You can buy nylons that have a little pocket in the top hem and in this pocket you will find a sachet.

One can't imagine a more fascinating birthday gift than a box of stockings. Hosiery is always a safe selection, no woman ever having more than she needs.

With a sachet of the same fragrance pinned to a slip, the overhead for perfume will be considerably reduced.

TO KEEP YOUR IRON SHINY-NEW

By ELEANOR ROSS

LIKE all other household equipment, the electric iron should be kept looking shiny-new. With proper care, a well-constructed, automatic iron can give many years of time-saving service.

Irons should be disconnected after using, pulling them out of the electric socket with the plug, not the cord. When the iron is hot, straighten the cord by pulling it through your fingers down to the plug. Fold the cord like the figure "8", wrapping the last six inches around this and tucking in the plug. Store it in its carton in a safe place. This will help prevent "kitchen haze" from dulling your iron.

Silver Polish Helps
Clean it with a damp cloth; dry and polish it with a soft cloth. If through mischance it has become dirty or greasy, a silver polish of fine quality will quickly restore it to its original finish.

If your iron isn't working, check to make sure it's getting its supply of electrical current, before taking it for repairs. Spread or press together (which ever is indicated) the prongs in the plug to be certain they are making contact in the outlet. Check your outlet with another electrical appliance, to see that

current is available at the outlet. If there is no current, check your fuse box.

Take special care of the sole-plate. Once this portion is scratched or the edge dented, it will never iron so well again, for as moves over the fabric, it is likely to catch and pull or snag. This is why household equipment specialists remind us never to scrape off sticking starch with a knife or other sharp tool.

For Hot Iron
To clean the plate while the iron is hot, rub it back and forth over dry salt on a sheet of paper. When the iron is cool, starch may be removed by rubbing with very fine steel wool, or non-abrasive scouring powder on a damp cloth. On a hot iron, steel wool or a damp cloth become too hot to handle and scouring powder sticks. Many housewives have discovered that a little paraffin applied to the hot plate during the ironing of starched clothes protects the plate against sticking starch. But once the starch has scorched on, paraffin will not remove it.

Iron under and around buttons, not over them. This will prevent scratching and marring the sole-plate. Iron around zippers, snap fasteners, etc. Sometimes it is possible to smooth out nicks and dents if they are not too deep. This is done with water and very fine steel wool, using long, single strokes to "keep the soleplate smooth. Do not use a circular or back-and-forth motion.

Rupert and the Pine Ogre—21



RUPERT and the WRONG PRESENTS



Says DENNIS HART

Sheffield Wednesday fans will look to sharpshooters Dooley and Sewell to put their side back amongst the leaders in their home game with Hull City. However the Hull attack, which includes those young "veterans" winger who has attracted the attention of many First Division scouts.

Reading, who look like proving Plymouth's strongest challengers, have a difficult game in visiting Bristol Rovers. It

It was, however, decided that in the case of tickets for players,

Reading, who look like proving Plymouth's strongest challengers, have a difficult game in visiting Bristol Rovers. It

may give the public a vicarious thrill, the critics say, but majority of real boxing fans here as everywhere else, were

NEXT YOU'LL BE SAYING THAT YOU BELIEVE THAT GUN BANK STATEMENT ABOUT THE WORD OF YOUR OWN WIFE.

WITTE

In the Colony Snooker Championship played in the C Club last night, S.P. Tong F. Silva 3-1.

The best recommendation for a winner.

Banfoot (Mr Robert Teal) may prove dangerous, while Hurricane (Mr Samaras) also

Sparkling Eyes (Mr Renlaw) and Popularity (Mr Chun, KIL). Huntmaster will be carrying 104 lbs., but this ought not to be too severe a handicap as it

The athletic sports meet of Hq Land Forces Base I which was to be held at Lunenburg tomorrow, has postponed to Monday, May 19th.

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In the Colony Snooker Championship played in the Corn Club last night, S.P. Tong beat F. Silva 3-1.

The athletic sports meet of HQ Land Forces Base Un which was to be held at Sainpco tomorrow, has been postponed to Monday, March 11, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

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"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	5 p.m. 8th Mar.
"HANYANG"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 10th Mar.
"YOHIO"	Keelung	5 p.m. 11th Mar.
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"SZECHUEN"	Moji	5/6th Mar.
"YOHIO"	Moji	9th Mar.
"TUKIEN"	Yokohama	10th Mar.
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"TAIPEI"	Sydney & Melbourne	20th Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIPEI"	Australia & Manila	3rd Mar.
"TAIPEI"	Moji	9th Mar.
"TAIPEI"	Nagoya	23rd Mar.

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Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said

"PELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Mar.
"CLYTONES"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	22nd Mar.
"ANCHISES"	Dublin & Liverpool	20th Mar.
"PATROCLUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Apr.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Ship	From	Arrives
G. "ANCHISES"	Liverpool	3rd Mar.
S. "CLYTONES"	do	11th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	do	17th Mar.
S. "ASTYANAX"	do	24th Mar.
G. "AFENEAS"	do	1st Apr.
S. "ASCANIUS"	5th Mar.	8th Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	12th Mar.	17th Apr.
S. "AGAPENOR"	18th Mar.	24th Apr.
G. "CALCHAS"	25th Mar.	30th Apr.

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ARRIVALS		
SHIPS	FROM	DUE
"BENVENUE"	Japan	3rd Mar.
"BENATTOW"	U.K. via Singapore	on or abt. 18th Mar.
"BENLEDI"	U.K. via Singapore	30th Mar.
"BENAVON"	Japan	31st Mar.
"BENCLEUCH"	U.K. via Singapore	18th Apr.
"BENCRUACHAN"	Japan	24th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	U.K. via Singapore	25th Apr.

SAILINGS Loading on or abt.

"BENVENUE"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Hull.	3rd Mar.
"BENATTOW"	Avonmouth, London & Hamburg.	21st Mar.
"BENAVON"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Hull.	31st Mar.
"BENLEDI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe.	5th Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow & Antwerp.	22nd Apr.
"BENCRUACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence Harze, London & Hamburg.	24th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe.	25th Apr.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that the Ordinary

Yearly General Meeting of the

Shareholders of the

Corporation will be held at the

Head Office of the

Corporation, 1 Queen's Road

Central, Hong Kong, on Fri-

day the 7th day of March,

1952, at 11.30 a.m. for the

purpose of receiving and con-

sidering the reports of the

Directors and of the Auditors

and the Profit and Loss Ac-

count and Balance Sheet for

the year ended 31st December,

1951, and for the election of

Directors and the appointment

of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the

Corporation will be closed from

Friday, the 22nd of February

to Friday, the 7th of March,

1952, (both days inclusive) during

which period no transfer of shares

can be registered.

By Order of the Board

A. MORSE,

Chief Manager.

22nd January, 1952.

NOTICE

WAR DEPARTMENT

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purchase of these should be

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Signed R.J. MEECH, M.B.E.

LT. COL. R.A.O.C.

C.R.A.O.C. Land Forces,

Hong Kong.

Old Ordnance Yard,

Queen's Road, East,

Hong Kong.

19th February, 1952.

"Man From Pru" On Fraud Charge

London, Feb. 28.

Miss Gertrude Briggs, for 30 years parlour-maid to Lady Clementina Tottenham, of Staple Cross House, Christchurch, Hampshire, gave evidence at Bristol against a "Man from Pru." He was alleged to have obtained, by a series of tricks, all Miss Briggs' savings, including two legacies totalling more than £600.

The "Man from Pru"—John William Haley, 42, of Redland Court-road, Bristol, the district manager in Bristol of the Prudential Assurance Company—faced 17 charges alleging forgery, fraudulent conversion and false pretences in Bristol, Gloucester, and Hampshire. The total involved was said to be about £1,900.

Mr Jeremy Hutchinson, prosecuting, said that Haley suggested that Miss Briggs should place three policies under his protection. When she did so he wrote to his head office and raised loans on them, forging the documents and cheques sent to him in her name.

He also said he would invest money for her with the Prudential at 3 per cent. "Occasionally he paid her small sums by way of interest, but eventually she had nothing left, although she did not know it," Mr Hutchinson said.

Haley also raised loans on policies belonging to Miss Nellie Horn, a wardmaid at a Bristol hospital, and he obtained £150 from her sister after she had cashed some Savings Certificates, Mr Hutchinson added.

Anyone who had been harmed financially as a result of Haley's alleged activities, would be completely re-imposed by the company, it was stated. The case was adjourned.

Rusk Mission Over

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

The United States Ambassador, Dr Dean Rusk, and other members of the American delegation left Tokyo by air for the United States tonight a few hours after the signing of the administrative agreement. The Rusk mission came to Japan almost five weeks ago to negotiate the agreement.

Shock For American Ship Lines

New York, Feb. 28.

The American Export Lines will have to pay nearly \$11,000,000 more than it expected for its 25,000,000 luxury liners, the Independence and the Constitution.

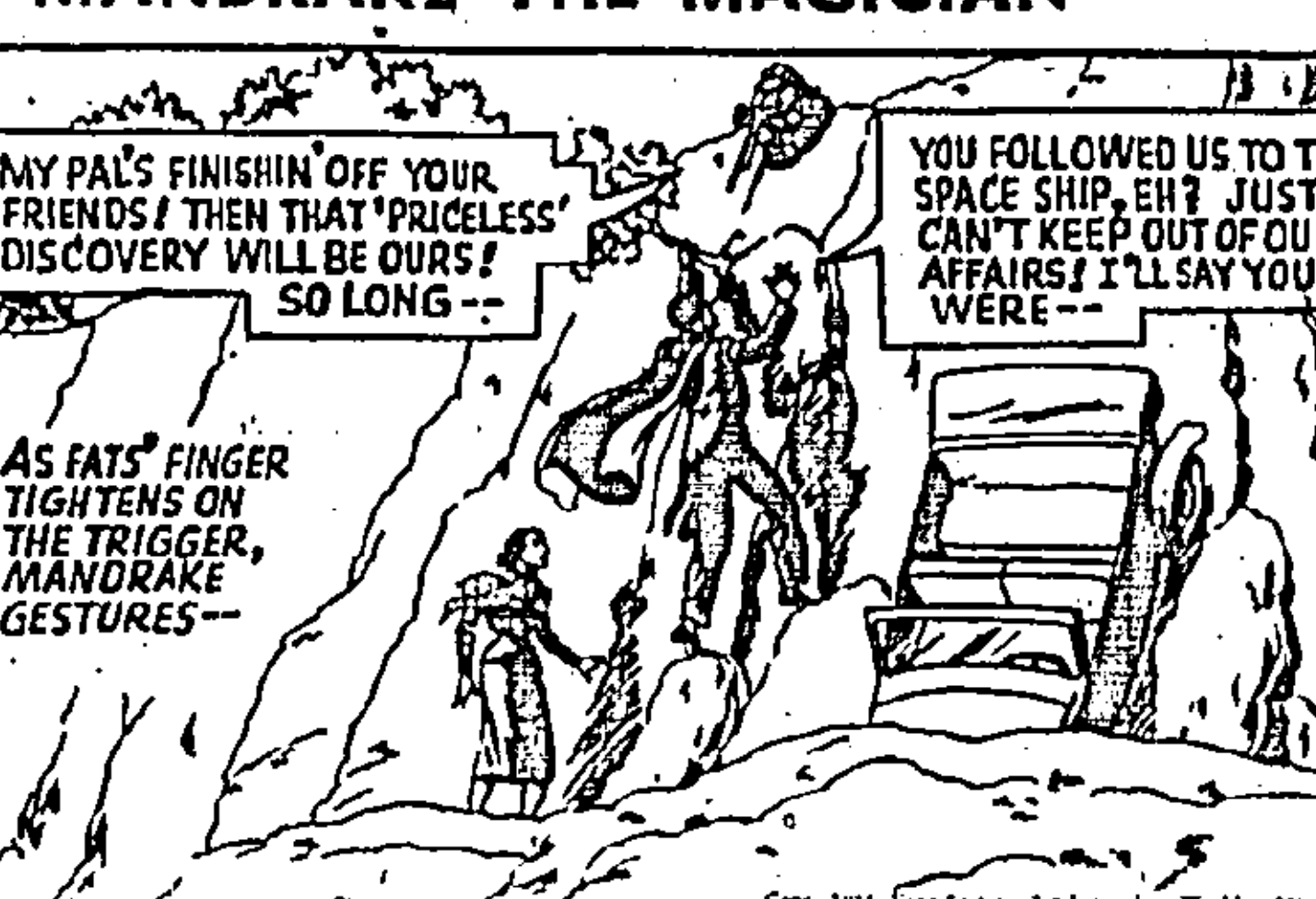
The liners are already in operation. Increased payments by the shipping company are due to a reduction in Government subsidies.

The United States Federal Maritime Board decided yesterday that the construction cost of each vessel should have been fixed at \$23,733,000 with \$17,308,000 payable by the American Export Lines and \$6,425,000 by the Government.

The Board, which replaced the Maritime Commission under a reorganization last year, had completed a long study of ship construction subsidies.

The American Export Lines now has 30 days to accept or reject the new price. If the company rejects, the vessels will be returned to the Government. They were put into operation last year under charter to the company pending settlement of the price dispute. The 20,000-ton 25-foot liners are the most modern passenger vessels flying the United States flag. They can carry 1,000 passengers each—Reuter.

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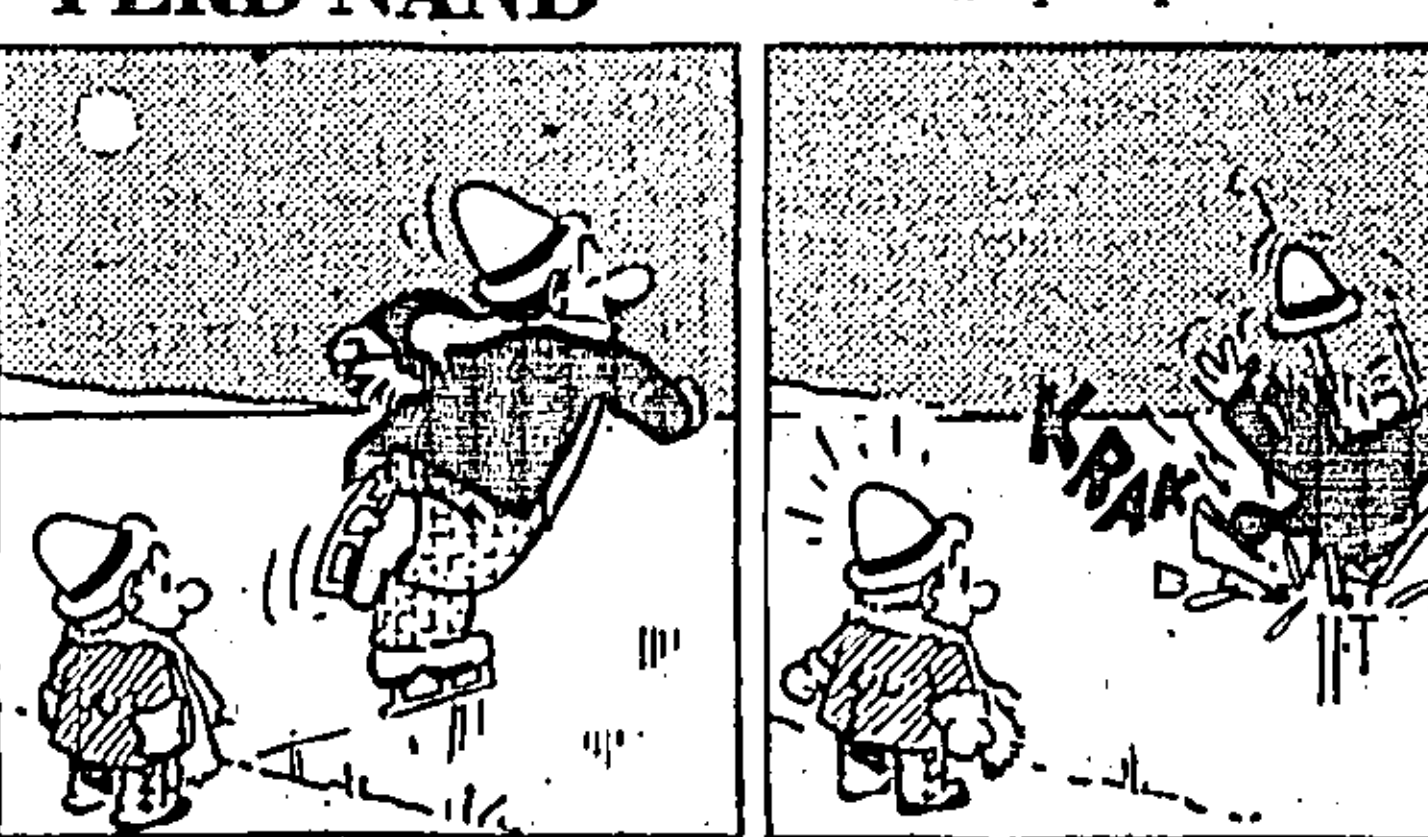


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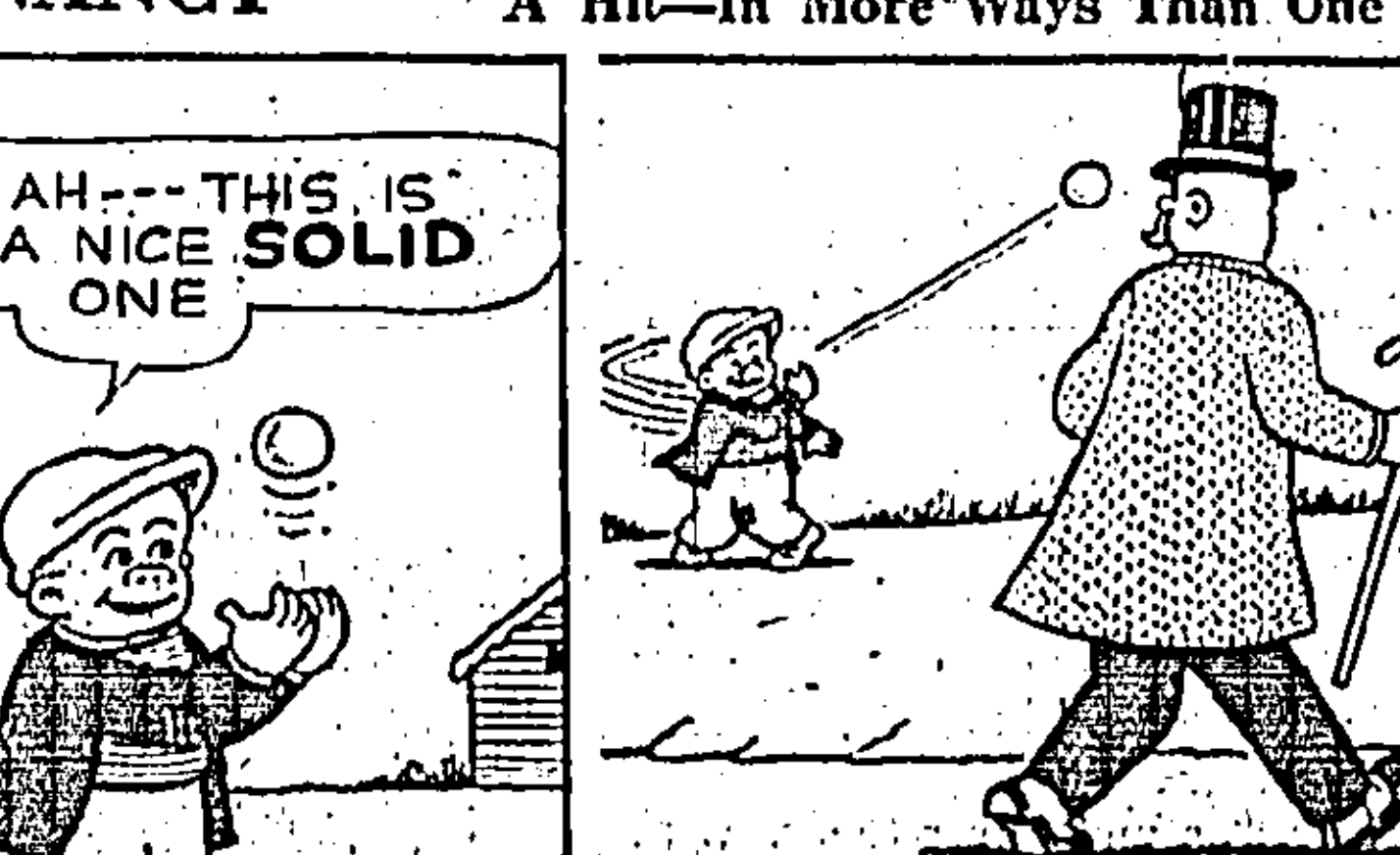


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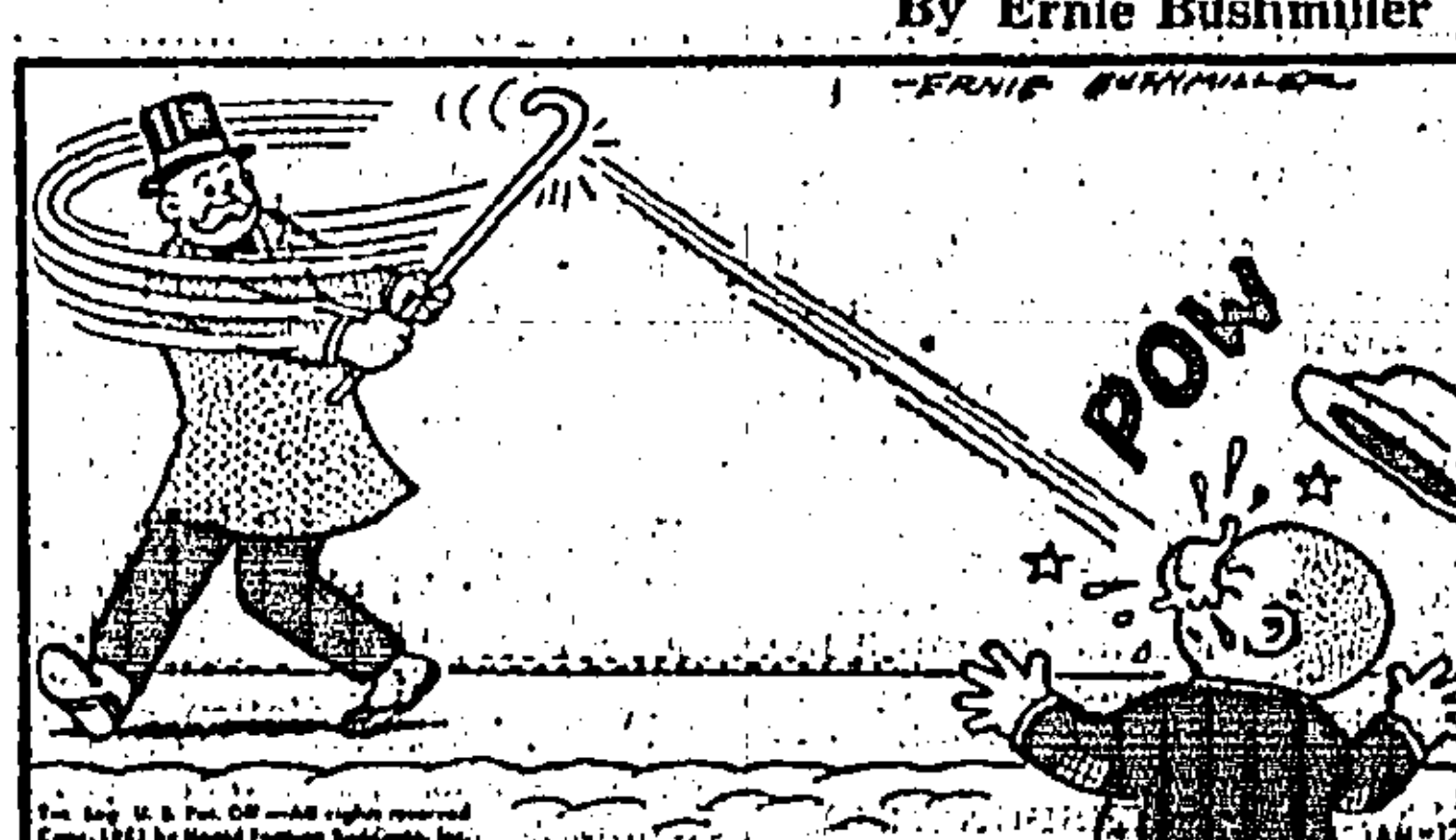


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"CANTON"	6th March	7th April
"CARTHAGE"	2nd April	4th May
"CHUSAN"	6th April	5th May

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards

Leaves Hongkong Due London

14th March 14th April

"CORFU"

11th April 12th May

"CANTON"

9th May 9th June

"CARTHAGE"

8th May 2nd June

"CHUSAN"

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Outwards	Due Hongkong	From
"SURAT"	3rd April	London & Continent
Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	For
"SOCOTRA"	14th March	London & Continent

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Ship	In Port	From
"SANGOLA"	20th Feb.	from Japan for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta
"SIBDHANA"	due 7th March	from Calcutta, Rangoon, Penang & Singapore for Japan
"WARORA"	due 8th March	from Chittagong, Alanya, Rangoon, Penang & Singapore for Japan
	due 15th March	from Chittagong, Alanya, Rangoon, Penang & Singapore for Japan

(These vessels have refrigerated cargo space)

P. & O. B. I. JOINT SERVICE

Ship	Due	From
"OZARDA"	due 1st Mar.	from P. Gulf, Karachi, Bombay, Colombo & S'pore for Japan
"URLANA"	due 2nd Mar.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi
	due 10th Mar.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi
	due 20th Mar.	from Japan for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay & Karachi

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Ship	Due	From
"NELLORE"	due 4th March	for Port Moresby, Sydney & Melbourne

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South Sea Famine Reported

Suva, Fiji, Feb. 28.

Parts of the Fijian islands are gripped by serious famine, it was reported here today by the Fiji Times-Herald.

The paper published a three-column banner headline reading "Famine in Waidina Valley, Fijians Forced to Sell Last Pitiful Possessions."

A district officer who examined the story, however, said that it is completely untrue.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



Arriving Leaving Outward For
 "J.A. MARSEILLAISE" Mar. 20 Mar. 30 Kobe, Yokohama
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 M.S. "PETER MAERSK" Apr. 2

ARRIVALS FROM U.S.A.

M.S. "PETER MAERSK" In Port
 M.S. "NICOLINE MAERSK" Mar. 17
 M.S. "SALLY MAERSK" Mar. 25

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Saigon Export
Of Oils

Saigon, Feb. 28.
 Large quantities of
 peanut oil, coconut oil
 and lard were exported in
 the last two months from
 Saigon, causing prices to
 drop in Hongkong and to
 advance in this city.
 In January, peanut oil
 prices in Saigon averaged
 1.75 piastres as against
 1.30 in December, while
 coconut oil went up from
 0.50 piastres per kilo-
 gramme to 0.9 piastres.
 France-Press.

The Rubber
Markets

London, Feb. 28.
 Prices of rubber futures closed
 today as follows:-
 Number 1 rubber, 100-101 1/2
 in cents per lb.
 March 100-101 1/2
 April 100-101 1/2
 May 100-101 1/2
 June 100-101 1/2
 July 100-101 1/2
 August 100-101 1/2
 September 100-101 1/2
 October 100-101 1/2
 SINGAPORE MARKET
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 July 100-101 1/2
 August 100-101 1/2
 September 100-101 1/2
 October 100-101 1/2
 United Press.

Saigon Prices
Increase

Saigon, Feb. 28.
 Wholesale prices recorded a
 noticeable increase in January,
 chiefly as a result of higher
 prices of food products, includ-
 ing rice, beef and pork. Quota-
 tions for rubber, firewood and
 charcoal, however, declined while
 prices of imported products stood
 steady.

Imported cotton yarn prices
 fell from 12,240 piastres per bale
 last December to 10,800 piastres
 in January.
 Rubber exports from Saigon
 during the month amounted to
 6,743 tons. France-Press.

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Feb. 28.
 Japanese bonds
 "A" (4% of 1950) 60
 "B" (4% of 1950) 60
 "C" (5% of 1950) 100 1/2
 "D" (5% of 1950) 70
 "E" (5 1/2% of 1950) 121
 Consols 60 1/2
 United Press.

PHILIPPINES TRADE GAP

Big Deficit In 1951 Revealed
Copra Again Tops The List
Of Islands' Exports

New York, Feb. 28.

There was a \$63,000,000 gap between Philippine imports and ex-
 ports during 1951 despite increased production, stringent import controls
 and E.C.A. aid, figures released by the Secretary of Commerce and
 Industry revealed today.

Good progress in eliminating the dollar im-
 balance was made during the first six months of
 the year when strict import controls prohibited
 the importation of all but the most essential pro-
 ducts, the Secretary, Cornelio Balmaceda said.
 During that period the Philippines exported
 \$38,500,000 more than it imported.

Steadily rising prices, which
 threatened to wreck the
 economy, forced the Government
 to lift the severe import controls
 during the last six months of
 the year, however, and the final
 deficit figures were \$63,775,274.5.

"During the second half of
 the period, various articles
 of the country were decontrolled
 in an effort to lower prices and
 the cost of living," Mr. Balmaceda
 said.

"There was also heavy im-
 portation of goods necessary to
 the country's development pro-
 gramme. These caused a heavy
 increase in imports."
 The actual imbalance figure
 would be somewhat less if a 17
 per cent tax on foreign ex-
 change sales was included, ac-
 cording to Mr. Balmaceda.

HEAVIEST ITEM

"He did not list what percentage
 of import costs could be in-
 cluded in the 17 per cent figure,
 though it would not be 17 per
 cent of the total \$63,000,000 be-
 cause certain items such as me-
 dicines are not taxed."
 The heaviest export item from
 the Philippines during 1951 was
 copra, to the value of \$15,000,000,
 or an increase of more than
 \$18,000,000 over the preceding
 year.

Other top exports were sugar
 \$68,500,000, abaca \$62,000,000, co-
 coconut \$25,000,000, lumber and
 timber \$18,000,000 and base
 metals \$10,000,000.
 While all of these exports in-
 creased in volume during the
 year, the value did not increase
 proportionately on the world
 market. Therefore the renu-
 meration to the Philippines did
 not increase on the same basis as
 production went up.

LEADING IMPORT

This can best be illustrated in
 the case of tinned pineapple
 and coconut.
 The leading import item was
 cotton and manufactures, worth
 about \$73,000,000, or double the
 amount imported in the previous
 year.

Other leading imports were
 iron and steel products, mineral
 oils, cars and parts, dairy pro-
 ducts, paper, chemicals and
 machinery.

Of the top 20 import items only
 three showed a drop during the
 year. They were textiles, about
 \$20,000,000 less, electrical ma-
 chinery, the same amount, and
 tobacco about \$3,000,000 less.
 United Press.

Russian
Approach
To Egypt

Cairo, Feb. 28.
 Russia has approached Egypt
 with a request for the purchase
 of \$50,000,000 worth of goods,
 of which \$25,000,000 is for
 staple cotton, the world's best.
 Last week Russia concluded a
 barter agreement with Egypt
 for the exchange of 500,000
 tons of Egyptian cotton for 200,000
 tons of Russian wheat.
 Russia is reported to be pur-
 suing her efforts to secure a
 regular commercial pact with
 Egypt to regulate Soviet-Egyptian
 trade which to date has been
 conducted on a barter basis.
 Talks for such a commercial
 pact were initiated under the
 former Wafdist Government but
 have been "put off" by the new
 Maher Cabinet. Reuter.

JAPAN RUBBER
PRODUCTS

Tokyo, Feb. 28.
 Japanese exports of rubber
 products in January amounted
 to \$72,082, according to the
 Japan Rubber Industry Asso-
 ciation. Car tyres and tubes
 headed the January list with
 \$37,034.
 Of the total, Formosa took 57
 per cent with \$31,285, ranking
 top of the importers' list for
 two successive months. Other
 countries included Burma with
 \$142,101, Thailand \$21,165, India
 \$34,102, Korea \$33,133, Malaya
 and Singapore \$24,237. France-
 Press.

Weekly Bank
Statement

London, Feb. 28.
 The Bank of England state-
 ment for the week ending Feb.
 27 reads as follows:-
 Notes in circulation... £ 1,567,057,000
 Public deposits... 350,000,000
 Private deposits... 311,223,000
 Other securities... 2,603,000
 Reserves... 2,603,000
 Bank ratio... 100%
 United Press.

Priority To
Be Given
Vital Raw
Materials

Tokyo, Feb. 28.
 The Government will give
 top priority to the import of
 three vital raw materials from
 the Sterling Area, reliable
 sources said today.

The Government is working
 on a system under which it
 will accord preferential treat-
 ment to the import of crude
 rubber, hides and fats and oils.
 This system, these sources
 said, is part of the Government
 programme to cope with grow-
 ing Sterling holdings along
 with the foreign currency loan
 system recently decided upon by
 the Government.

The Government took up the
 preferential system for serious
 consideration because crude
 rubber, hides, and fats and oils
 last year accounted for 60 per
 cent of the overall import from
 the Sterling Area.

These sources indicated that
 under the system which is soon
 to be completed, the Govern-
 ment would consider partial
 exemption of these three ma-
 terials from the application of
 the recently introduced ex-
 change regulations against the
 Sterling Area. France-Press.

Grain Prices
Irregularly
Higher

Chicago, Feb. 28.
 With the exception of maize,
 grain futures turned irregularly
 higher on new prospects of
 export business. Wheat futures
 closed 1/4 to 1 1/2 higher and
 soybeans 1 higher to 1 1/2 lower.
 Prices closed as follows:-

Wheat—price per bushel
 Spot... 2.53 1/2 nominal
 March... 2.53 1/2
 May... 2.53 1/2
 July... 2.53 1/2
 September... 2.53 1/2
 December... 2.53 1/2
 Corn
 Spot... 1.80 1/2
 March... 1.79 1/2
 May... 1.79 1/2
 July... 1.79 1/2
 September... 1.79 1/2
 December... 1.79 1/2
 Soybeans
 Spot... 1.93 1/2
 March... 1.93 1/2
 May... 1.93 1/2
 July... 1.93 1/2
 September... 1.93 1/2
 December... 1.93 1/2
 Oats
 Spot... 80 1/2
 March... 80 1/2
 May... 80 1/2
 July... 80 1/2
 September... 80 1/2
 December... 80 1/2
 New York... 80 1/2
 United Press.

Trying To Meet
Requirements

Singapore, Feb. 28.
 Several important industries
 in the United Kingdom are
 making strong efforts to meet
 Malayan requirements this year,
 says Mr. K. E. Mackenzie, the
 United Kingdom Trade Com-
 missioner in Malaya.
 In an article in the "Economic
 Bulletin," published by the
 Singapore Government, Mr.
 Mackenzie cited refrigerator
 manufacturing and the motor
 industry as the best examples.
 Cement and textiles, too,
 which have been in short sup-
 ply in 1951 will be in better
 supply from the United King-
 dom and adequate shipping
 for them will also be available,
 he said. Reuter.

HONGKONG
SHARE
MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock
 Exchange this morning amount-
 ed to \$740,402.50. Noon quot-
 ations and the morning's transac-
 tions:-

SHARES BUYERS-SELLERS SALES

BANKS
 HK Bank Ltd 1405 1500 5 of 1500
 Union... 200 30 of 705
 HK Life... 100 0 of 0

INSURANCES

Shui Do... 200 30 of 705
 Shui Do... 100 0 of 0
 Shui Do... 100 0 of 0

SHIPPING

AAA Nav... 1,721 1,500 000 of 1,721
 DOCKS, ETC.
 R. Wharf... 110
 R. Wharf... 720
 R. Wharf... 100 0 of 0

LAND, ETC.

HK Hotel Ltd 8.20 8.40 1000 of 8.20
 HK Land... 1000 0 of 0
 HK Land... 1000 0 of 0

UTILITIES

Trans... 10 10.20 1500 of 10
 P. Trans (O) 23 1/2 100 of 133
 Star Ferry... 100 0 of 0
 C. Light (O) 8.70 100 0 of 0

INDUSTRIALS

Hope... 17.30 17.50 1000 of 17.30
 Hope... 17.30 17.50 1000 of 17.30
 Hope... 17.30 17.50 1000 of 17.30

STOCKS, ETC.

Wahson Ltd 24.20 24.40 200 of 24 1/2
 C. Crawford... 300 0 of 0
 C. Crawford... 300 0 of 0

COMMODITIES

McGILLANOUS... 3.10
 Entertainment... 21 1/2 100 of 21 1/2
 Yangtze... 5.03 1000 of 5.11

LONDON TIN
MARKET

London, Feb. 28.
 In the tin market, turnover
 was 40 tons, all for forward
 positions. Prices closed at the
 end of the official morning
 session as follows:-

Spot tin, buyers... 97 1/2
 Spot tin, sellers... 97 1/2
 Business done at... 97 1/2
 Three-months tin, buyers... 97 1/2
 Three-months tin, sellers... 97 1/2
 Business done at... 97 1/2
 Settlement... 97 1/2
 United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local
 unofficial exchange market this
 morning at the following rates:-
 U.S. dollar (per \$1)... 15.47
 Sterling note (per £1)... 2.55
 Indonesian guilders (per 100)... 2.00
 Siam ticks (per 100)... 23.00
 Singapore (Straits)... 1.27
 VIC piastres (per 100)... 12.50

Japs Stage
Comeback
In Whaling

London, Feb. 28.
 The Japanese, who were
 ruthless hunters of whales
 before the war, are staging
 a big comeback in the
 whaling trade.

It was largely the slaughter
 wrought by the pre-war Japan-
 ese fishers which led to the In-
 ternational Agreement putting a
 ceiling on the number of whales
 allowed to be caught each year.
 In their new drive to secure
 as big a share as possible of the
 permissible catch, the Japanese
 have sent five whaling factory
 ships to the Antarctic this year.
 In the 1950-1951 season only two
 Japanese factories were operat-
 ing.

Now a message has come in
 from Tokyo saying that the
 Japanese fishery companies have
 caught 821 whales so far—the
 season has been on only just
 over a month.

NO LIMIT

One of the new Japanese
 fleets is searching for sperm
 whales only, and as there is no
 limit on sperm hunting this ex-
 pedition will not make much
 difference to British.

The other expeditions are
 quite enough to cope with. They
 could make a substantial dif-
 ference to the hauls of the
 other nations, as there will be
 fewer whales to go round among
 them.

Competition was fierce in
 whaling even before the Japan-
 ese stepped up their effort. Last
 year the limit to the catch was
 reached so quickly that the
 season was the shortest ever.
 This year, if the weather
 favours the whalers, it will
 probably be even shorter.
 London Express Service.

"BELOW AVERAGE"

Tokyo, Feb. 28.
 A spokesman for two
 Japanese whaling fleets in the
 Antarctic today blamed inferior
 equipment for the "below
 average" whale catches this
 season.

The Nishin Maru fleet,
 according to today's statement,
 had caught 708 whales. The
 Tonan Maru fleet had caught
 504. The spokesman said that
 the fleets of other nations on
 a boat-for-boat comparison had
 averaged 715 whales. The total
 catch by all fleets so far was
 13,558.

Reports from the Japanese
 fleets said that the weather had
 been bad in the whaling areas.
 Lacking radar equipment for
 each whale boat, the Japanese
 were unable to operate under
 stormy conditions. Reuter.

Cambodian Rubber

Saigon, Feb. 28.
 Cambodia's rubber output in
 1951 totalled 15,670 tons, show-
 ing an increase of 350 tons com-
 pared with the preceding year.
 France-Press.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

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"VAN HEUTE" Feb. 29th Japan
 "BOISBEVAN" Feb. 29th Japan
 "ATIAAT SOENDA" Feb. 29th Japan
 "TIWANGI" Feb. 29th Japan
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 "TARMAN" Mar. 7th Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dill
 "TIPONJOK" Mar. 7th Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dill
 "TIBADANE" Mar. 11th Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dill
 "TILUWAN" Mar. 15th Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dill
 "STRAAT" Mar. 20th Japan
 "MAKASSAR" Mar. 20th Japan
 "BOISBEVAN" Mar. 20th Japan
 "TIWANGI" Mar. 27th Japan
 "TIPANAS" Apr. 2nd Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dill
 "TARMAN" Apr. 2nd Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dill
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 "TILUWAN" Apr. 23rd Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dill
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 "MAKASSAR" May 2nd Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa
 "BOISBEVAN" May 2nd Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa
 "TIWANGI" May 7th Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dill
 "TIPANAS" May 16th Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dill
 "TARMAN" May 20th Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa
 "TIPONJOK" May 20th Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa
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